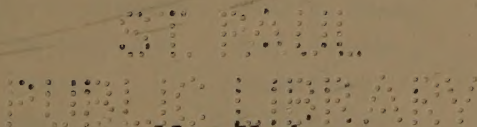


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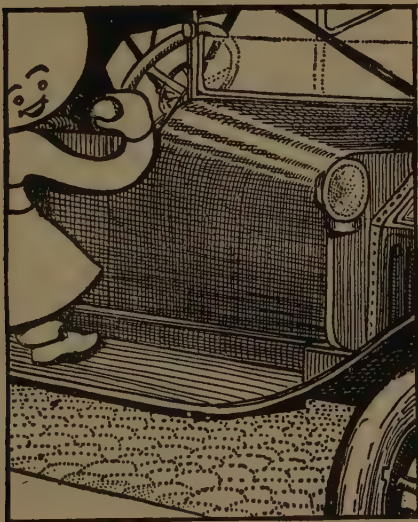
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Automobile Meddling

MINNA BEAN

When touring car or limousine
Stops at the curb, watch Minna Bean!
The paint is scratched by Minna's boots,
The horn is squeezed until it toots;
She handles everything, the sinner,
An Autogoop is little Minna!

Accepting, Never Giving

ELFINA C. LAICE

No one *accepts* with greater grace
Than Miss Elfina Cluny Laice;
But oh, if she would *give*, as sweetly,
I should approve of her completely.
Goops love to take, but hate to give;
She is a Goop, as sure's you live!

Don't Say "Ain't"

ERO P. POUNDS

I'll have to make a mild complaint
If I should hear you saying "ain't."
It isn't proper, and it sounds
Too much like Ero Perkins Pounds.
He is a Goop. *You* know you can't
Say "ain't" for "isn't" and for "aren't"!

Answering Back

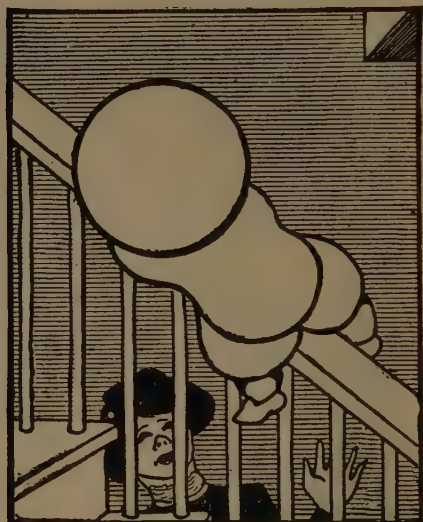
JOSEPH HANNISBURG

Joe Hannisburg displays a lack
Of manners, for he "answers back!"
He answers back a saucy way;
Is he impertinent? I should say!
I hardly think you'd care for Joe;
He is a Goop,—of course you know.

Playing Ball in Street

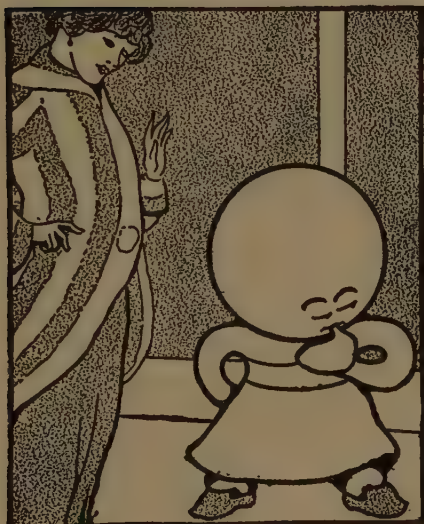
RALPH EXTRA

Ralph Extra! How I dread to meet
Him playing base-ball, in the street!
He is so careless where he throws
His ball, and careless where it goes!
He often hits a passer-by.
He is a Goop; and that is why!

Sliding Down Bannisters

EMIL SCHRADER

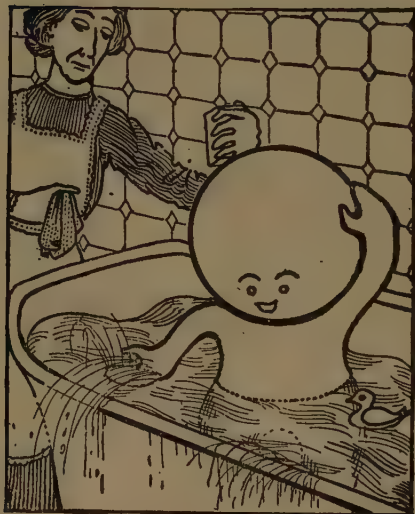
You know what fun it is to slide
Down bannisters—you've often tried;
But when you heard your mother say
You mustn't come down stairs that way,
Of course you willingly obeyed her;
You weren't a Goop like Emil Schrader.

Bashfulness

MAUDE MACKADOO

This is a Goop, Maude Mackadoo,
Who never speaks when spoken to.
When spoken to, she turns her eyes,
But never answers or replies.
She hangs her head and sucks her thumb—
You'd think that she was deaf and dumb!

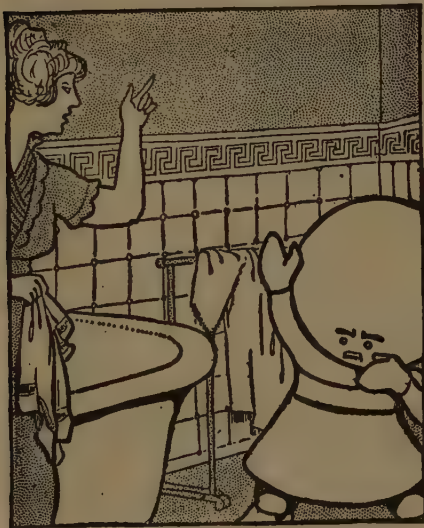
Splashing in Bath



JOCASTA J. McGRATH

Jocasta Juliet McGrath,
Oh, how she splashes in her bath!
Oh, how she spatters! How she scatters
The water round her, while she chatters!
For spilling water on the floor,
This is a trick that Goops adore.

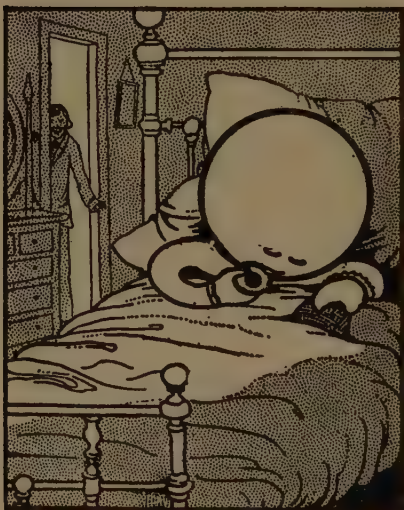
Bath Time



ORA BRADY

I hardly think that Ora Brady
Will ever grow to be a lady;
Because a lady's always neat,
And very clean, and nice and sweet.
But Ora *hates* a bath, and so
She'll always be a Goop, you know!

Food in Bed



IRMA STEAD

Are you a Bedmunch? Irma Stead
Is always taking food to bed.
And so, before the morning comes,
Her bed is full of spots and crumbs.
Her bed gets in such a state
As any one but Goops would hate!

Lying Abed

SYLVESTER BAXTER

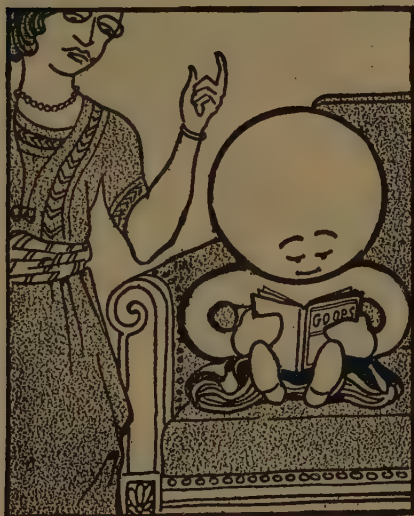
Sylvester Baxter lies in bed
Till eight o'clock, the sleepy head!
His mother calls—he will not rise,
But merely yawns, and shuts his eyes.
So he is often late to school,
Which, with a Goop, is quite the rule.

Rumpling the Bed

ELIZABETH WILLOWS

She jumps upon her mother's bed,
And rumples up the linen spread;
Her head has left the pillow mussed,
Her shoes have left a smooch of dust!
Don't be a Goop, like Bessie Willows,
Be careful of the beds and pillows!

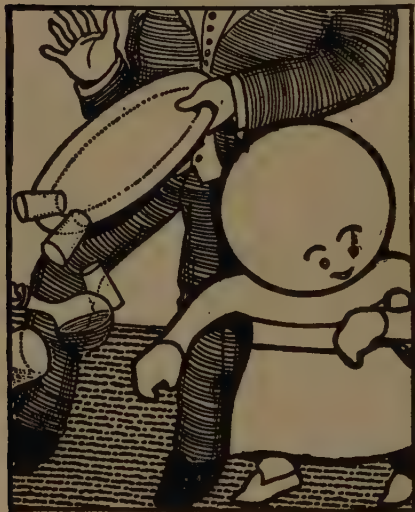
Bed Time Linger



FLORODORA KISSINGCUP

Now what was that your mother said?
I thought she told you: "Go to bed!"
But here you are, still sitting up
Like Florodora Kissingcup!
She is the Goop who will *not* go
To bed, she loves to linger, so!

Begging Pardon



JULIA VARDON

I often wish Miss Julia Vardon
Would sometimes say: "I beg your pardon!"
She bumps into you, takes your chair,
'And interrupts you everywhere.
'Apologize? Not little Julia!
She is a Goop, so she's peculiar.

Beginning, Not Finishing

ALICE ELLIS BYNNER

Do you begin? Of course you do!
But do you finish? Good for you!
You're not like Alice Ellie Bynner;
She is a very good beginner,
But soon her interest diminishes—
She is a Goop who never finishes.

Bicycling on the Sidewalk



SAUL DOREMUS

When Saul Doremus gets his bicycle,
(Of course it really is a tricycle),
You always hear the neighbors say,
"Look out for Saul! *Get out the way!*"
A Goop on a velocipede
Won't care for *anything* but speed!

Blaming Others



SUSAN SMALT

"Oh," says little Susie Smalt,
"It is some one else's fault!"
"*She* began it!" "*She's* to blame!"
"*She's* the one that spoiled the game!"
So Goops always blame each other;
Do *you* own up your fault to Mother?

Boastful Talk



PETER P. POST

Are you like Peter Parley Post,
The Goop who is so apt to boast?
He's always talking of his skill,
His courage, strength, his speed, until
Nobody listens to his chatter;
He is a Goop; what does it matter?

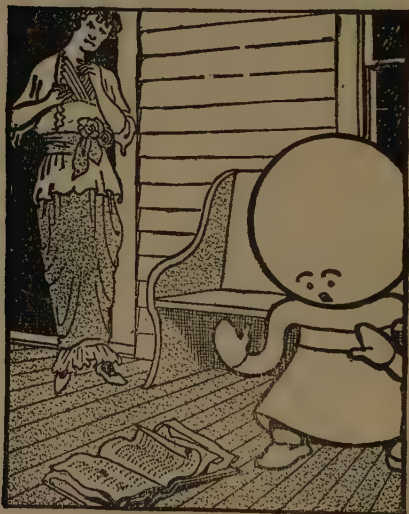
Destroying Books



SPERRY SPROOKS

Have you ever chanced to look
At a torn and dirty book?
At a book that's marked and soiled,
Inked and finger-marked and spoiled?
Who has done it? Sperry Sprooks!
He's the Goop that spoils the books!

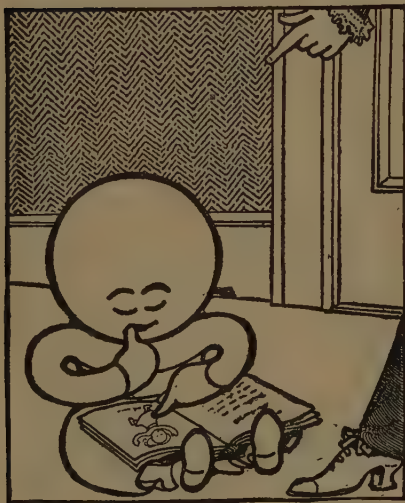
Books Left Outdoors



CANDY GORE

Just see this book of Candy Gore's!
Of course she left it out of doors;
And so of course it's wet and wrinkled,
Its pages all are soiled and crinkled.
A Goop like her should not have books
If she's so careless of their looks!

Soiling Books



PANSY PLUM

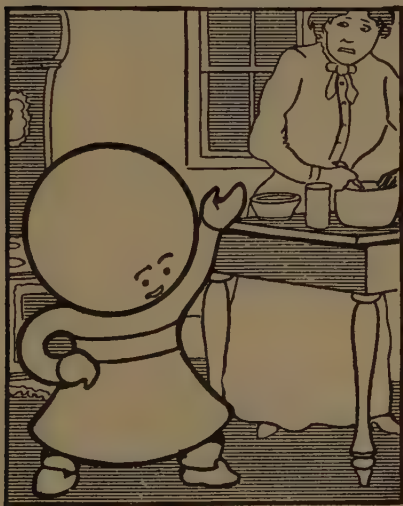
Look, oh look at Pansy Plum!
Look, and see her suck her thumb!
When she turns the pages, look!
See her thumb-prints on her book!
Look and see its corners dark,
Where this Goop has left her mark!

“Bossing” at Play

HALL HANSOM

It makes the other children cross
Because Hall Hansom likes to “boss”;
Because he likes to have his way
Whenever he begins to play.
He will not play unless they mind him.
“You are a Goop!” they oft remind him.

Bothering Mother



ELIZABETH V. OPPENHEIM

Elizabeth Von Oppenheim
She bothers Mother *all the time*;
Especially when she is busy
Is she annoyed by little Lizzie.
The Goop will question, cry and call
Till Mother cannot work at all!

Leaving Water in Bowl

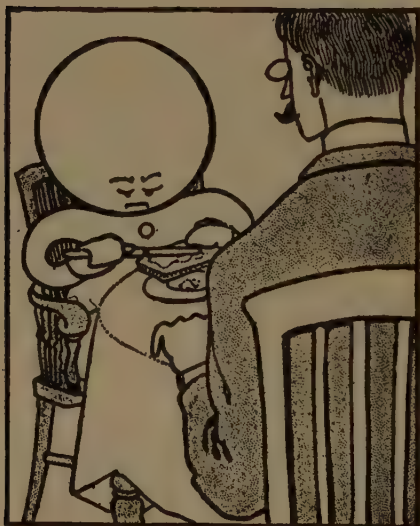
LYDIA DOLE

How long the dirty water stands
When Lydia Dole has washed her hands!
She is a Goop, or she'd have seen
Before she left, that all was clean.
Don't *you* be like that Lydia Dole,
And leave the water in the bowl!

Borrowing, Not Returning

AGUINALDO SILVERFIZZ

A ready boy at borrowing is
Young Aguinaldo Silverfizz;
But when it comes to paying back,
He shows a most decided lack.
Who's borrowed, but has not returned,
The name of Goop has richly earned.

Buttering Too Thickly

CARLO STEAD

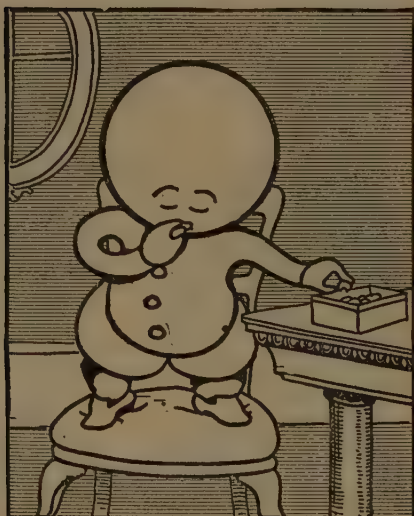
I saw a Goop named Carlo Stead
Put too much butter on his bread;
He smeared it wide, he smeared it thick—
A vulgar and unpleasant trick!
He does the same with jam and sauce;
I call such table manners coarse.

Calling Names

AMANDA M. JAMES

Amanda Minnesinger James,
She called her sister horrid names.
She called her brother names, as well,
So bad I wouldn't dare to tell.
It's shocking how a Goop will act—
They have no manners—that's a fact!

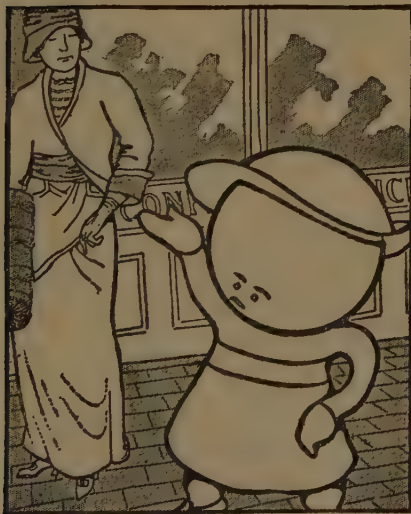
Bitten Candies



JAMES P. DANDY

I hope you do not bite the candy
 And put it back, like young Jim Dandy.
 He bites a piece or two, and then,
 He puts them in the box again!
 Are *you* a Goop? I hope you know
 Much better than to act like Joe!

Teasing for Candy



HANNAH SYME

Are you a Goop like Hannah Syme,
Who asks for candy *all* the time?
Whenever mother goes to shops
Young Hannah begs for chocolate drops—
Or else a soda, or banana.
How would *you* like a child like Hannah?

Carpet Untidiness

MYRON WARE

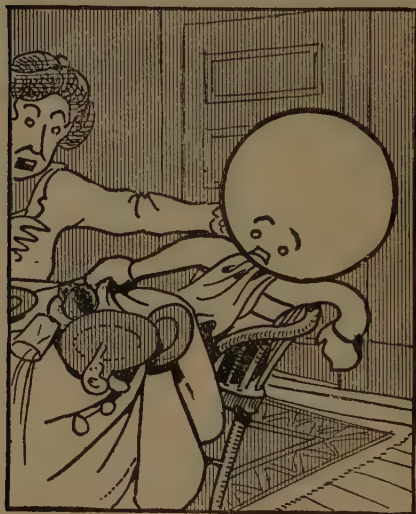
When scraps of paper, strewn around
The carpets and the rugs are found,
When on the floor are crumbs and things
Like chips and whittlings and strings—
Then I am sure that Myron Ware
Must be the Goop who has been there!

Standing on Chairs

PETER P. POOR

Please, *never* stand upon a chair;
You'll spoil it, if you don't take care!
You'll break the springs and cut the seat,
Or smooch the cover with your feet.
Why, Goops like Peter Porter Poor
Are *terrible* on furniture!

Tilting Back in Chairs



INA LOW

If you tilt backwards in your chair,
You may fall over! So, take care!
You'll bump your head like Ina Low,
Who always tilted backwards so.
She *was* a Goop, but falling flat
Upon the floor cured her of *that*!

Chatterbox



MATILDA FOX

I never heard a chatterbox
So talkative as Tilly Fox.
When I desire to work alone
She comes and gabbles till I groan.
Until that Goop is out of sight,
I cannot think, or read, or write!

Cheating at Games



WALDO McGINNIS

When playing tag or playing ball,
Hop Scotch, or *any* game at all,
Waldo McGinnis always cheats,
And that is why he often beats!
But only Goops, I'm glad to say,
Would ever want to win *that* way!

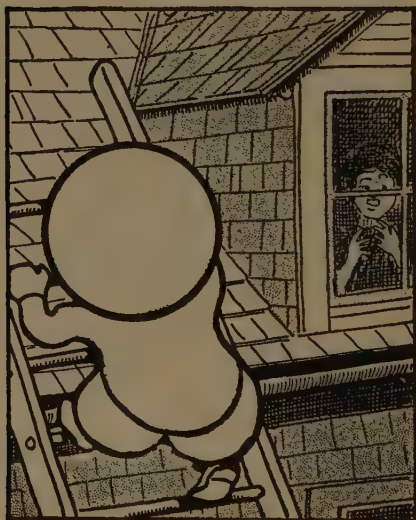
Misbehaving in Church



ELLA PERCH

Are you a Goop like Ella Perch,
Who's always whispering in church?
Who's always whispering and giggling,
And looking over books, and wriggling?
I'm sure *you* think it's a disgrace
To misbehave in such a place.

Dangerous Climbing



JOHN OASIS

A reckless boy is John Oasis
In climbing round in dangerous places.
His mother worries every day
When John Oasis is at play.
He is a Goop, because he told her
He wouldn't climb till he was older!

Ruining Best Clothes

POPLAR STEELE

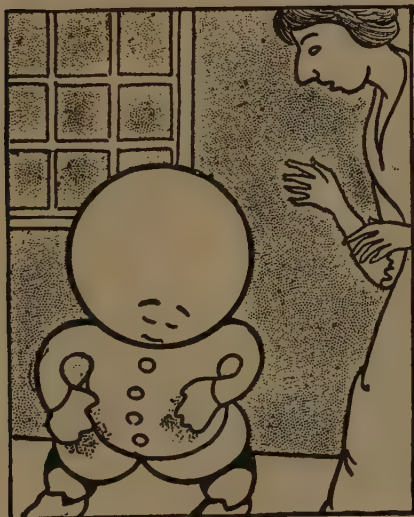
As soon as Poplar Steele is dressed
In spick-and-span, and Sunday best,
He plays in mud, or climbs a tree,
Till he's as dirty as can be!
He is a Goop, and so are you
If you soil clothes like Poplar, too!

Snob About Clothes

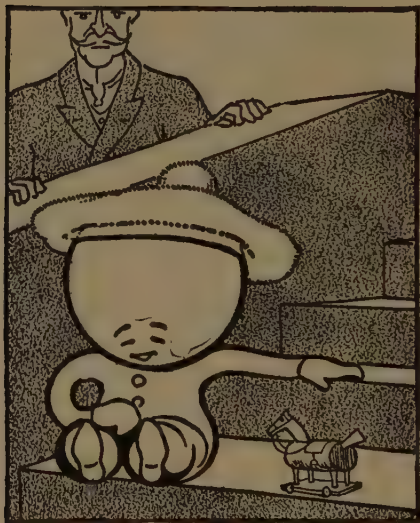


FLORA McFLIMSY

Flora McFlimsy's frocks are fine—
Much prettier than yours or mine—
And just because she's better dressed,
She thinks *she's* better than the rest.
"Stuck-up" is what most people name her.
But she's a Goop—how can you blame her?

Soiling Your Clothes**JONAH JOWSER**

What dirty clothes are Jonah Jowser's!
He wipes his hands upon his trousers,
He wipes them on his coat—how shocking!
He wipes his feet upon his stocking!
His clothes are dirty, so is he;
For Jonah is a Goop, you see!

Sitting on Cold Steps

JOE BOLD

If you should wonder why Joe Bold
So very often catches cold,
It's this—he often sits, I've found,
On cold stone steps, or on the ground.
His mother tells him not to do it,
But he's a Goop—(Of course you knew it!)

Bad Companions



GEORGE GILLYGO

Why is George Gillygo a Goop?
Because his playmates are a group
Of Goops so rude—(you ought to see one!)
That George himself has got to be one!
If you don't want to get that way,
Be careful, please, with whom you play.

Contradicting



NOAH DEPEW

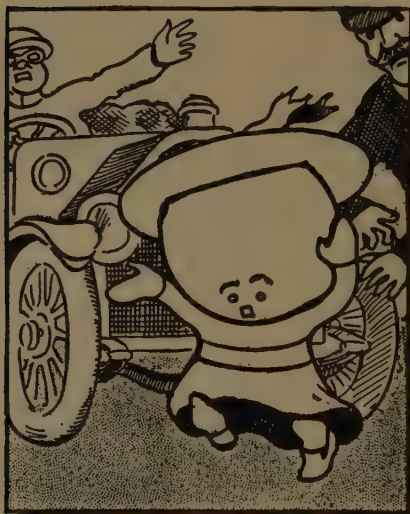
Don't contradict! For if you do,
You'll be a Goop like Noah Depew.
He contradicts quite impolitely,
Even the folks he knows but slightly!
As for his family, they say
He contradicts *them* every day!

Counting on Fingers

PAUL CANOO

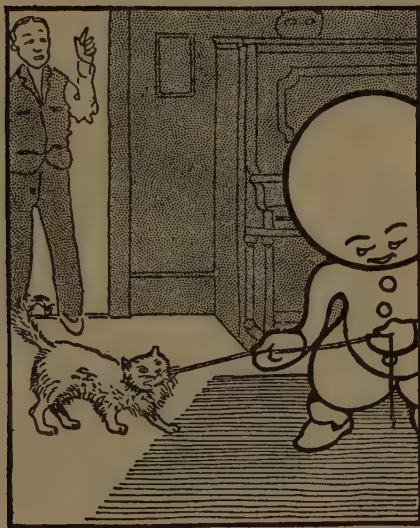
"Don't count upon your fingers, Paul!
That's not the proper way, at all."
That's what I said to Paul Canoo.
And *you* should add correctly, too.
You're not a Goop, and you are able
To learn the whole addition table.

Crossing the Street



MARY C. CLOVER

Before you cross the street, take care!
Look right and left! Look *everywhere!*
For motor cars and trolleys go
So very, very fast, you know!
And Goops like Mary Cluny Clover
Who are not careful, get run over!

Cruelty to Animals

BOSTON BUELL

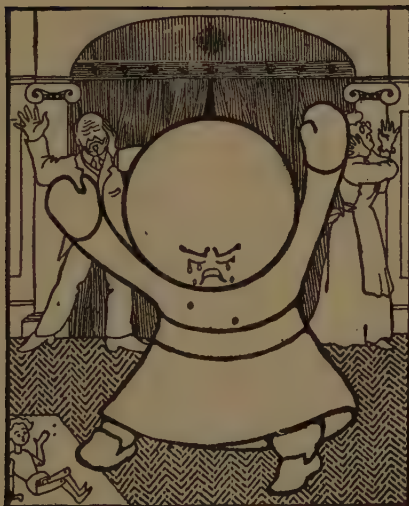
I do not think that you would wish
To harm a beast or bird, or fish.
You do not think it fun, I know,
To torment animals, and so,
You know of course why Boston Buell
Is called a Goop—for he is cruel.

Eating the Crust



FREDERICK FISHER

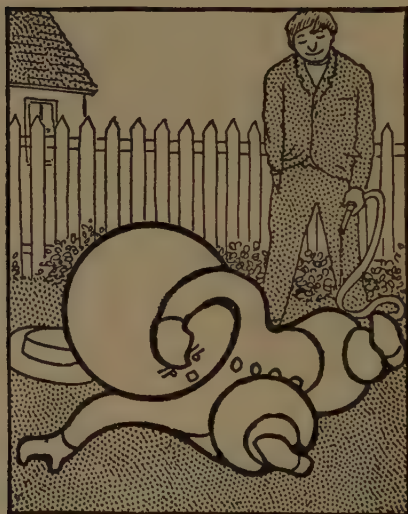
Freddie Fisher fairly fussed,
When he came to eat his crust!
Often on the floor he'd throw it,
Hoping mother wouldn't know it!
Goops all hate to eat the crust;
But if you're told to, then you must!

Cry Baby

MARY C. C. CALL

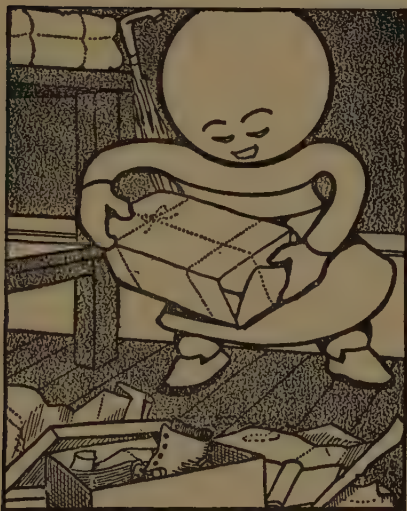
Mary Carey Cory Call!
Hear her cry and hear her bawl!
Hear her groan and hear her growl!
Hear her moan and hear her howl!
She's the goopiest Goop of all,
Mary Carey Cory Call!

Crying when Hurt



HAROLD HOLSTER

When Harold Holster stubs his toe,
He cries and whimpers in his woe;
But when by accident he falls,
Why, Harold Holster simply *bawls*!
If he were not a Goop, he'd just
Rise, laugh, and then wipe off the dust!

Curiosity

MAGDA PRICE

Are you like Magda Price, I wonder?
She is a dreadful "Curibunder."
For when her mother's bundles come,
She curiously opens some.
A Curibunder doesn't stoop
To ask permission, she's a Goop!

Mussing Cushions



CLAUDE G. SNOW

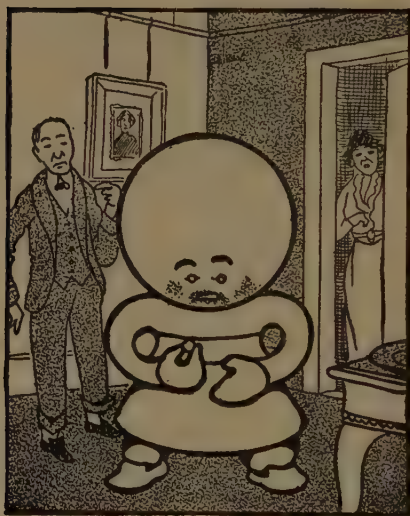
I thought I saw your mother pat
The soft cushions neat and flat—
But now they're rumpled up—I trust
It was not *you* who got them mussed!
It wasn't you? Well, then, I know
The Goop was Claude Golightly Snow!

Coward at Dentist's

ROLLO HOWARD

I hope you never are a coward
Like such a Goop as Rollo Howard.
For when his mother says, "See here,
You'll *have* to see a dentist, dear!"
He screams, "*I won't!*"—he hates it so.
You say, "I hate it,—but I'll go!"

Dirty Face



FUCHSIA FINN

A dirty Goop is Fuchsia Finn!
She's smooched on mouth and cheek, and chin.
You'd think she'd wash her face,—but no!
She really seems to *like* it so!
She is a Goop, and that is why.
She'll *have* to wash it, by-and-by!

Dirty Finger Nails

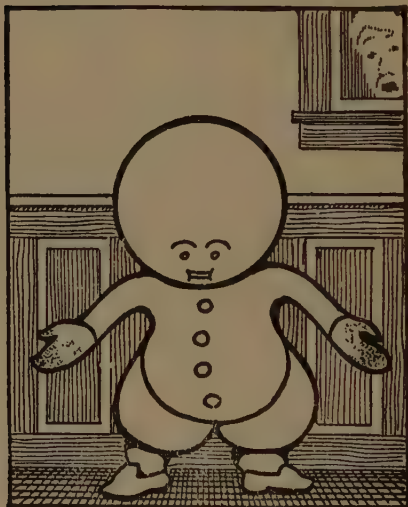
JEMIMA JOHNSON

I asked a Doctor, "Sir, what ails Jemima Johnson's finger nails?"

The Doctor answered, "If you please, Jemima's got the Dirt disease."

"Can nothing cure her, sir?" I cried.

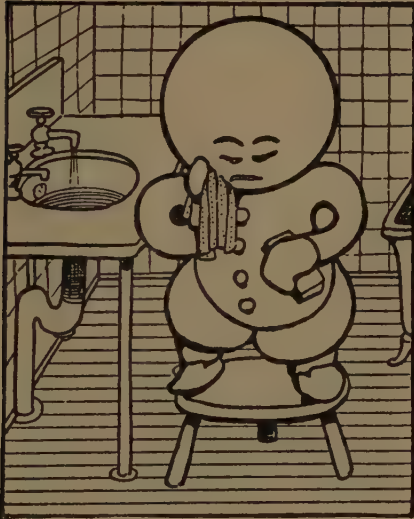
"No, Goops are hopeless!" he replied.

Dirty Hands

SARATOGA SANDS

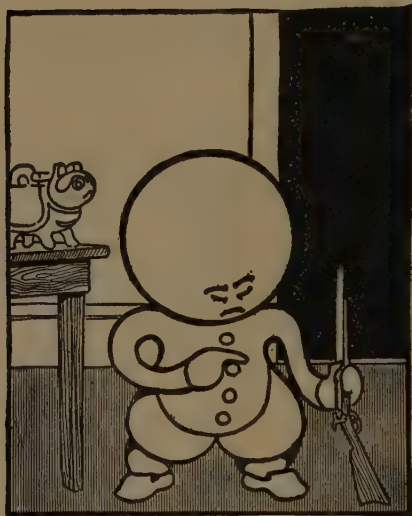
My Gracious! What untidy hands
Has Mr. Saratoga Sands!
The grime in loathsome layers lingers
Upon his palms and thumbs and fingers.
A dirty-handed Goop is quite
Unpleasant—don't you think I'm right?

Dirty Neck and Ears



MAXWELL MEARS

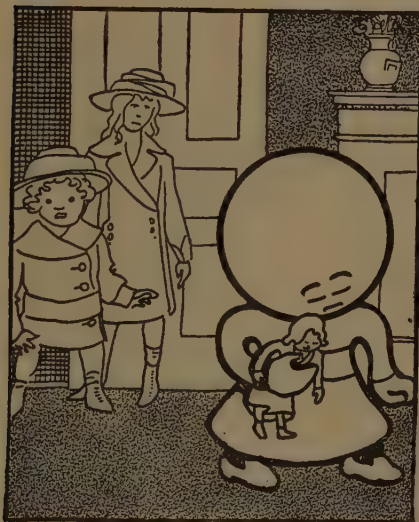
A dirty Goop is Maxwell Mears;
He will not wash behind his ears!
He will not scrub till he is clean;
Behind his ears the dirt is seen!
His mother tells him every day,
Or else he'd go to school that way!

Discontent

WHITTIER BING

For finding fault with everything
This Goop is famous—Whittier Bing.
For nothing *ever* quite suits Whittier;
He'd like it better, like it prettier,
It should be cold, or should be hot,
Or *anything* that it is *not*!

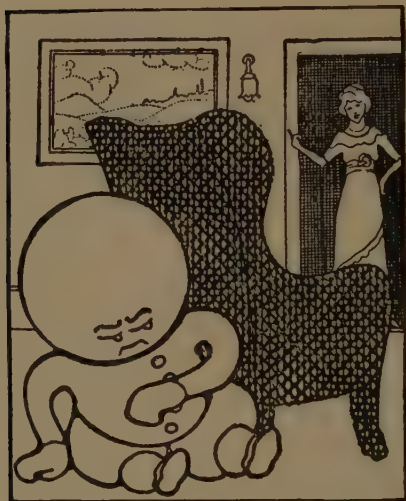
Discourtesy to Guests



NELLIE KNIGHTLY

All Visitors should have the Best!
This is the Rule for every guest.
This is the Rule; so make their stay
Enjoyable in every way.
But selfish Goops, like Nellie Knightly,
Treat all their guests most impolitely!

Disobedience



EZRA HECHT

What in the world would you expect
Of a Goop whose name was Ezra Hecht?
Of course he would refuse to heed
Or mind his mother—yes, indeed!
Of course he would. Of course he did.
But *you* must do what you are bid.

Disputing

GENEVA MORRILL

You'll seldom find Geneva Morrill
In what you'd really call a quarrel,
But, as she's very hard to suit,
She's over-fond of a dispute;
This Goop I've seen 'most every day
Disputing with her friends, at play.

Disturbing Talk



EMILILY AUK

When father's reading, do you talk
To him, like Emilily Auk?
Do you disturb your mother, too,
When she is writing? Children who
Do that are Goops! but *you* should try
To wait until they can reply!

Dividing Unevenly



WINOLA LAKE

When you divide the fruit or cake
Do *you* act like Winola Lake,
And take the biggest and the best,
And give your little friend the rest?
She is a Goop—I hope you'll say
You give the biggest piece away!

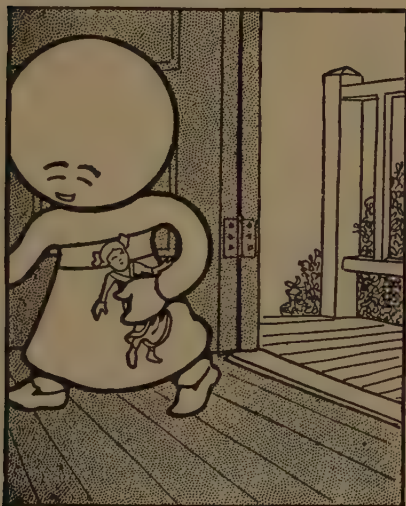
Ringin' Doorbells



GLORIUS DAY

What do you think of Glorius Day?
He rang a bell, and ran away!
The maid appearing at his call,
Found no one at the door, at all!
Only a Goop could have enjoyed
Seeing a woman so annoyed.

Leaving the Door Open



UNEEDA FIFIELD

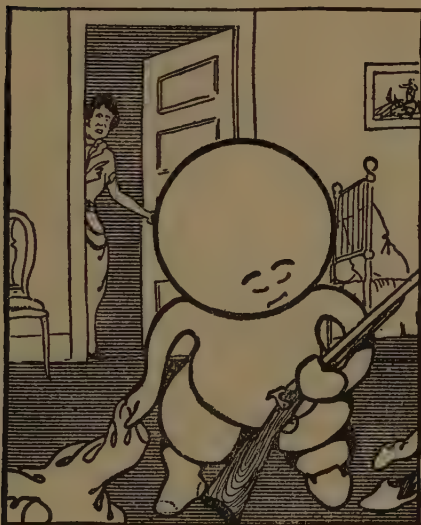
The door is open! Who's to blame?
Uneeda Fifield is her name!
She never thinks to close the door;
In Winter, chilly breezes pour,
In Summer, flies come sailing through.
She is a Goop. Now what are *you*?

Leaving Drawers Open



ATLANTA CARROTT

The bureau drawers are opened wide—
Oh, what disorder is inside!
Who turned them upside down, like this?
And left them open? Here's the Miss—
Atlanta Carrott is her name;
She is the Goop who is to blame!

Dawdling Dressing

UTAH LYNCH

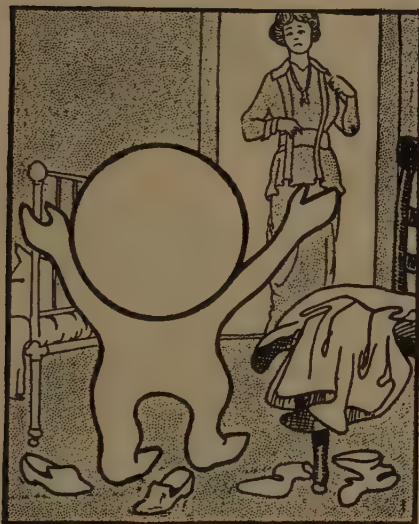
A Goop who dawdles while he should
Be dressing, may be fairly good
In other ways, but really, I'm
More fond of children who're *on time*.
Now, Utah Lynch is, oh, so slow!
He's always late—he loiters so!

Fidgety Dressing

JANE A. E. WEST

Jane Angelina Easton West
She fidgets, fidgets, while she's dressed.
While mother buttons, she will squirm
Just like a lively angle-worm!
She is a Goop! I hope *you* will
When mother dresses you,—KEEP STILL!

Dress Yourself!



TESSA RANTIPOLE

Though Tessa Rantipole is five,
She is the laziest Goop alive;
She cannot dress herself at all,
Or else she *will not*—but she'll call
To mother, who must come and dress her.
I hope *you're* cleverer than Tessa!

Unpleasant Drinking



JANE EVANS

I dread to see Jane Evans drink;
She's a disgusting Goop, I think.
She guggs and bubbles in her glass,
A most unpleasant little lass!
She gazes round her, as she swallows;—
Now hear the choking cough that follows!

Eating Dirty Food

BADGER BURR

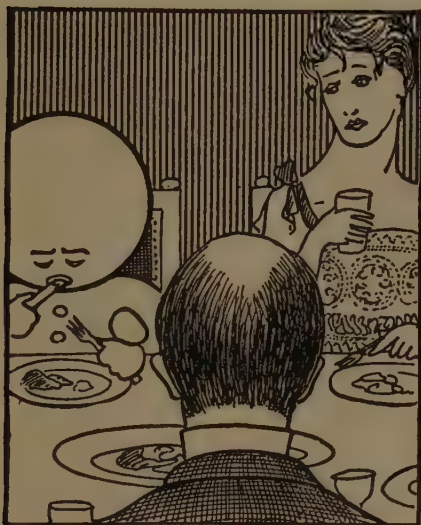
Your bread and butter, when 'tis soiled,
You should not eat, for it is spoiled;
And if it falls upon the floor,
Don't eat it up, but ask for more.
Take care! But if it *does* occur,
Don't be a Goop, like Badger Burr!

Eating Soup Noisily



CORINNA L. EARL

Corinna Londonderry Earl
 Is such a pretty little girl
 You wouldn't think she was a Goop
 Unless you heard her eat her soup!
 Don't go to Mrs. Earl's for dinner—
 You wouldn't care to hear Corinna!

Eating with Knife

ONTARIO PHARAO FEEL

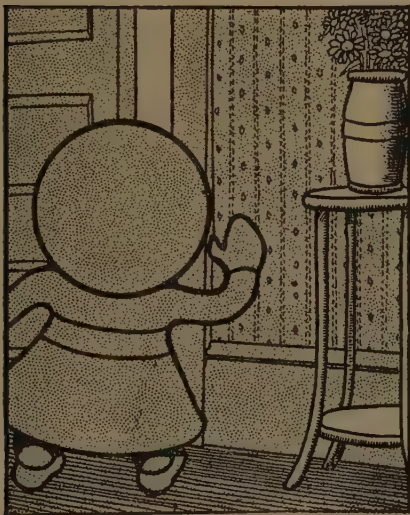
Goops like Ontario Pharao Feel
Eat with their knives at every meal.
They do not know it's not polite,
But *you* know well it isn't right.
And so I hope you'll use your fork
Like cultured people in New York!

Eating with Mouth Open



CORA SABEL

A dinner Goop is Cora Sabel,
She has *such* manners at the table!
Her mouth is open while she chews,
A thing nobody can excuse;
Her food is daubed from chin to ear—
I hate to see, I hate to hear!

Eavesdropping

BETTY SNEAKE

I hate a Goop like Betty Sneake,
Who hides away to watch and peek,
To listen and to overhear
What's not intended for her ear.
Nothing is harder to forgive
Than being too inquisitive!

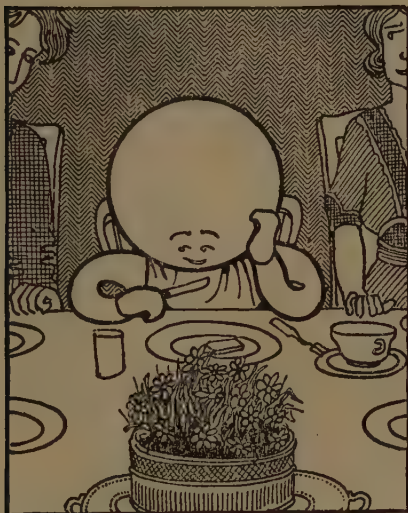
Edged Tools



DAKOTA FLEE

Do you, ever in your lives,
Play with scissors, or with knives?
Don't! unless you want to be
Like this Goop, Dakota Flee!
He plays with glass and needles, too;
They *have* cut him, they *will* cut you!

Elbows on the Table



CORA CABLE

What do you think of Cora Cable,
Who rests her elbows on the table
When there are folks to dinner, too?
I think she is a Goop, don't you?
I'm glad that *you* have always tried
To keep *your* elbows at your side!

Entering Without Knocking

MONTMORENCY MOCK

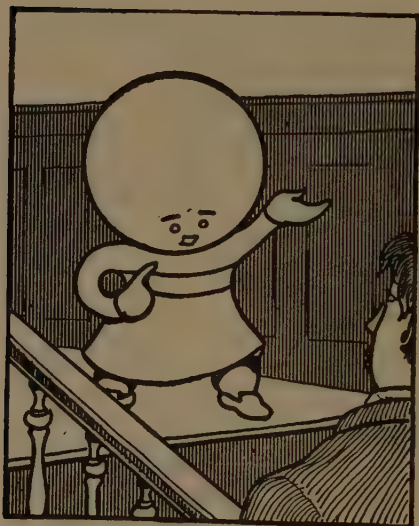
Don't burst into a room, before
You've knocked politely at the door—
I mean a *private* room, of course—
Like Uncle Ned's, or Aunt Lenore's.
A Goop like Montmorency Mock
Will go right in, without a knock!

Loitering on Errands

JOHN ANDERSON

I sent John Anderson, my Joe,
Upon an errand, long ago!
But still he lingers on the way,
To talk and watch, to fool and play!
He is a Goop to dally so—
Oh, slow John Anderson, my Joe!

Exaggeration



ELSIE KLAUS

Ex-ag-ger-ra-tion means, to tell
 A story very much *too* well—
 To make it bigger than it was—
 That's what is done by Elsie Klaus.
 Goops cannot tell a story straight,
 They always make it *twice* as great!

“Please Excuse Me!”



MAY SINNER

When you have finished with your dinner
Don't leave the table like May Sinner,
Who almost always has refused
To ask if she might be excused.
A Goop neglects such things as these,
But *you* should say, "Excuse me, please!"

Extravagance



MACARONI KEY

A Goop is Macaroni Key
For most extravagant is he.
Although his father gives a dime
A week, Key spends it every time.
Would you not save if you were he?
Or would you be a Goop, like Key?

Straining Your Eyes

SARAH GAMP

I want you children all to hark:—
Don't try to read, when it is dark!
Put up your book, or light the lamp;
Don't strain your eyes, like Sarah Gamp.
Her mother always tells her not to,
But she's a Goop—and so, she's *got* to!

Making Faces



IRENE DECATUR

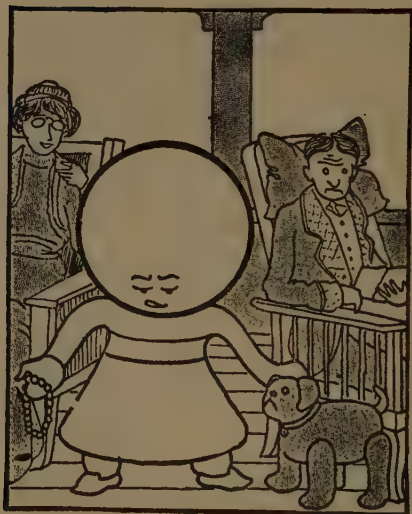
Do you make ugly faces, please?
 Why? just to plague, and just to tease?
 Or do you, like Irene Decatur
 To show somebody how you hate her?
 Don't be a Goop! Your face is pretty,
 To spoil it that way is a pity!

Cheating Your Fare



HUDSON HAMMOND

When Hudson Hammond takes a ride
On trolley cars, he tries to hide;
And if conductors pass him by,
He never pays his fare. Now I
Consider *that* dishonest—still,
He is a Goop, and cheat he will!

Finding Fault**HALLIE H. HYDE**

This Goop, Miss Hallie Holly Hyde,
Is never really satisfied.
She never thoroughly enjoys
Her food or frocks, her dolls or toys.
There's never anything that's right,
And she is never suited, quite,

Telling Fibs



ZEBRA HALE

What is a fib? The kind of tale
So often told by Zebra Hale—
With just a *little* truth, to go
With much that really isn't so!
She is a Goop and this is why:
A Fib is just a baby Lie!

Fingers in Nose

PERCIVAL B. SLOOP

Just look at Percival B. Sloop,
A most unpleasant sort of Goop;
He pokes his fingers in his nose,
And wipes his hands upon his clothes;
He does a lot of things that *you*,
I know, would never, *never* do!

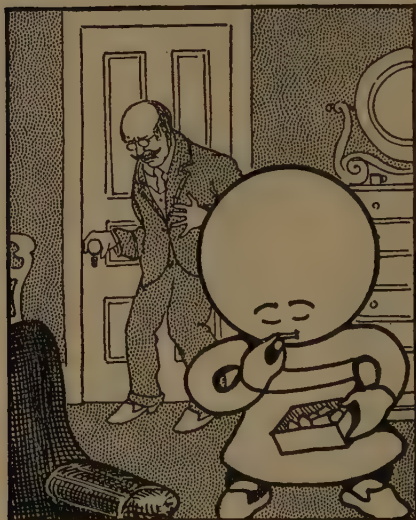
Biting Finger Nails



HUMPTY D. HALE

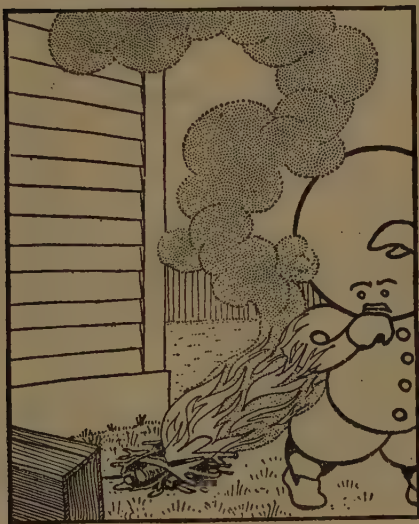
Before you bite your finger nails,
Just look at Humpty Dumpty Hale's;
He bites them every day and night
Until you see they are a sight!
He is a Goop, and so you know
What *yours* will be if *you* act so.

Sticky Fingers



ANNA H. HANDY

When you have eaten candy, go
 And wash your sticky fingers, so
 You will not soil the door knobs, chairs,
 And books, and railings of the stairs;
 Why, Goops like Anna Hannah Handy,
 Are shocking, after eating candy!

Playing with Fire

BENJAMIN ROMO

A fire is bright and light and gay,
But NOT the thing for children's play.
Ben Romo's parents had forbid
His playing with one, but he DID!
He *was* a Goop, but now he's learned
That fires aren't safe—for he was burned!

Walking on Flower Beds



BANANA MURLEY

"I wonder who's the Goop," I said,
"Who's trampled on my pansy bed?"
Banana Murley came to me;
"I walked across it twice," said she,
"I didn't know 'twas wrong, before,
"I will not do it any more!"

Stealing Flowers

JARED POWERS

A Goopish trick has Jared Powers
Of picking other people's flowers!
Although when blooming in the sun
They are enjoyed by every one.
He steals them for his own delight;
Which isn't honest, kind, or right!

Complaining of Food



DONALD McLEAN

Donald McLean's the sort of Goop
Who will refuse to eat his soup;
He will not eat his meat and bread
Or vegetables; but, instead,
Finds fault with everything, until
Dessert;—and *then* he eats his fill!

Playing with Food



UNGER WAITE

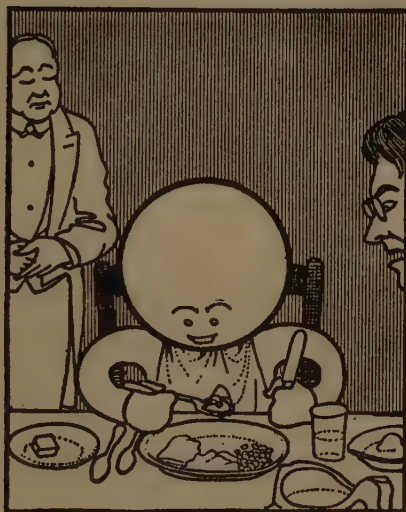
I hate to dine with Unger Waite;
He plays with food upon his plate;
He plays with bread and pudding so!
He messes vegetables, you know.
Goop though he is, I'd think he'd be
Ashamed for any one to see!

Forgetfulness



PAUL WYOMING

Of all forgetful children, Paul
Wyoming is the worst of all!
For he forgets to close the door,
Forgets his playthings on the floor,
Forgets his handkerchiefs; and, yes,
Forgets he is a Goop, I guess!

Too Much on a Fork

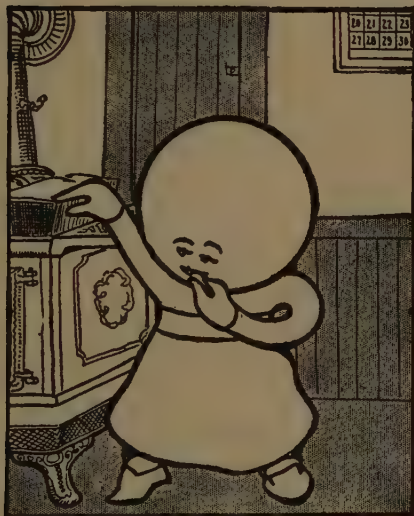
OVAL BEALS

I hate to dine with Oval Beals,
Because she forkiloads her meals;
She loads her fork in vulgar style,
A meat-and-vegetable pile!
Then hoists it to her mouth—a jawful!
A Goop who forkiloads is awful!

Passing in Front

PETER LEES

Oh, never try, like Peter Lees,
To pass in front of people, please!
But go *behind* them and they'll know
You've learned the proper way to go.
This Goop is often told about it,
And he *may* learn, but still, I doubt it!

Nibbling the Frosting

LOTTIE BOWKER

Soon after Mrs. Bowker bakes,
The sugar frosting on her cakes
Is picked and pecked by little Lottie
Till it is specked and spoiled and spotty!
I never like that cake a bit,
Because a Goop has nibbled it!

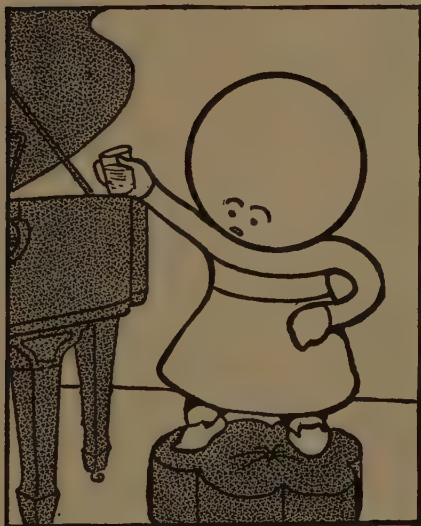
Marring Furniture



HARDY LEE

A new, sharp knife has Hardy Lee.
Ah, well I know, for I can see
Where he has whittled door and chair,
And on the kitchen table, there!
The railing, too, has many notches.
He is a Goop—when no one watches!

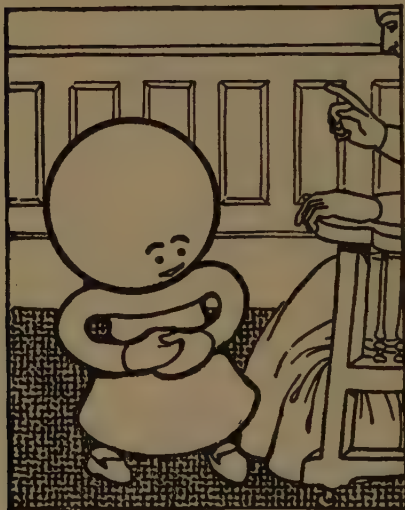
Water on Furniture



MAY S. VARNISH

Who was it let the water drop
Upon the polished table top?
Who, on the grand piano set
A drinking glass when it was wet?
I know the Goop who is to blame!
May Spoyler Varnish is her name.

Sound Your "g's"



RUBY RING

Have you remarked how Ruby Ring
Is always mispronouncing "ing"?
She talks of *playin'*, *stayin'*, *eatin'*,
Of *bein'*, *seein'*, *mornin'*, *meetin'*.
You know she is a Goop, the minute
She uses "*ing*" with no "g" in it.

Swinging on Gates



TIMOTHY LEE

Now pay attention to this jingle;
About Tim Lee, who loves to swingle.
He swings upon the garden gate
Till it is in an awful state!
The pickets sag, the hinges tear;
But Goops who swingle do not care!

“Getting Even”



HATTIE HOPPER

I never care for children long
 Who can't forgive a trivial wrong.
 Now, “Getting Even” is a way
 That Hattie Hopper has, they say.
 When hurt by Elsie, or by Jack,
 Goop that she is, she *hurts them back!*

Glass in Street



BALSAM BYRES

A Goop, to see a bottle smash,
Threw it and laughed to hear it crash.
It broke in pieces in the street;
Alas, for horses' tender feet!
Alas, for automobile tires!
What do *you* think of Balsam Byres?

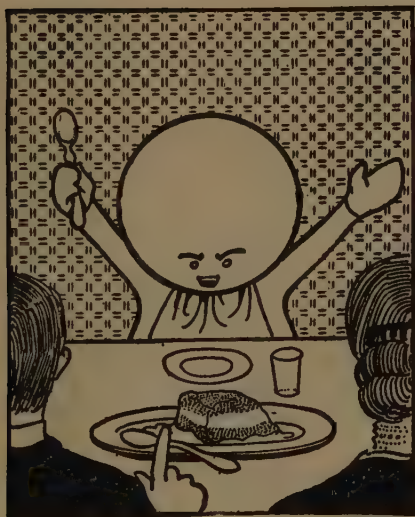
Gloominess



FANNY F. BYLES

'Tis not enough to do what's right,
You should be cheerful, gay and bright!
A Goop like Fanny Frisco Byles,
For instance, never, never smiles;
And though she'll answer and obey,
She does it in a mournful way!

Gluttony



EZRA POND

Perhaps you think it wouldn't hurt
You if you ate some more dessert;
But when your mother says you mayn't,
Don't make a fuss or loud complaint,
Like Ezra Pond, the Goop who'll scream
If he can't have some more ice-cream!

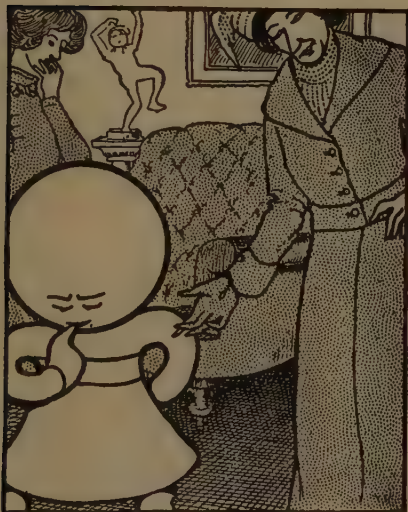
Greediness



ORLANDO OSSIAN

Orlando Ossian, everywhere
Attempts to get more than his share;
He wants the most, he wants the best,
No matter if he's host, or guest!
He wants it, and he *takes* it, too!
I think he is a Goop! Don't you?

Greeting Visitors



GLACIE LOGANBELLY DOO

When company says, "How d'you do?"
To Glacie Loganbelly Doo,
She hangs her head and turns away,
And not a word will Glacie say!
If she were not a Goop, she'd try
To smile, and give a sweet reply.

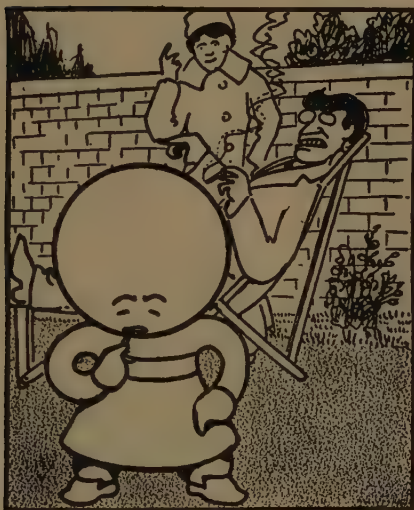
Grumpy at Breakfast



RICHARD ROCHESTER

When Richard Rochester comes down
To breakfast, you should see him frown!
He should be smiling, and be pleasant,
And say "Good Morning!" to all present,
He is a Goop, or else he might
Remember he should be polite.

Chewing Gum



ROSE J. JEWETT

Do you chew gum? Of course I know
That many people do, although
They know, like Rosie Josie Jewett,
It isn't really nice to do it.
She chooses chewing-gum to chew,
Because she is a Goop—are you?

Gum under Chairs



COY DAVIS

Coy Davis, what have you been doing?
You've put the gum that you were chewing
Beneath the seat of parlor chair,
The mantelpiece, and everywhere!
That shows you are a Goop, I say,
Or else you'd throw the stuff away!

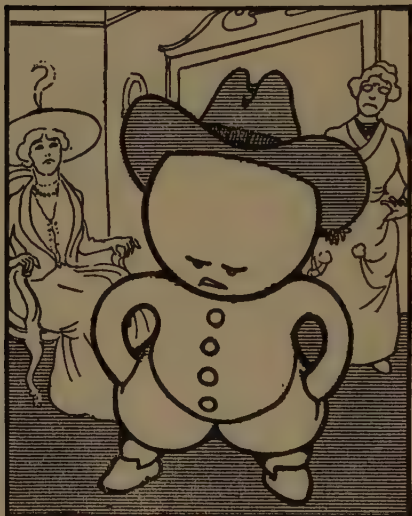
Use Your Handkerchief



ALEXANDER B. McGIFF

Young Alexander Bell McGiff
Each day had a clean handkerchief.
In spite of this, if you'll believe,
He wiped his nose upon his sleeve!
Nobody but a Goop would do it;
His mother'd scold him if she knew it!

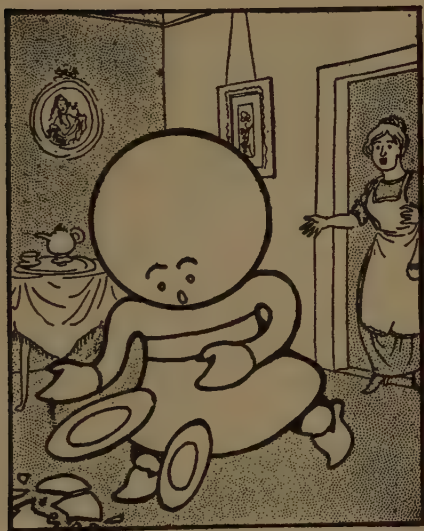
Hat on in House



GOLIAH GRAY

Goliah Gray keeps on his hat
 When he is in the house—and that,
 You know, is rude and impolite
 For boys—for *girls* it is all right.
 Goliah is a Goop, however,
Can he be gentlemanly? *Never!*

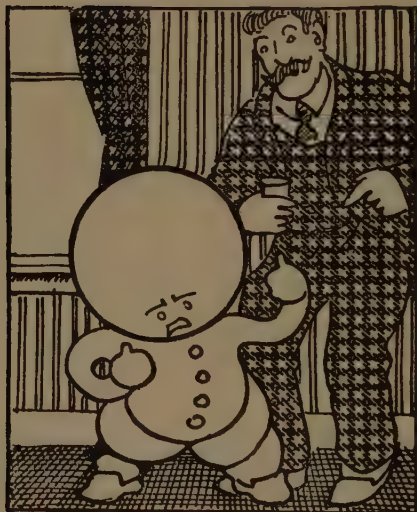
Heedlessness



MAY IRVIN

May Irvin makes her mother worry
Because she's always in a hurry;
She will not stop to do things *well*,
But rushes through her work pell-mell!
So hasty May makes many a blunder;
Why *will* she be a Goop, I wonder!

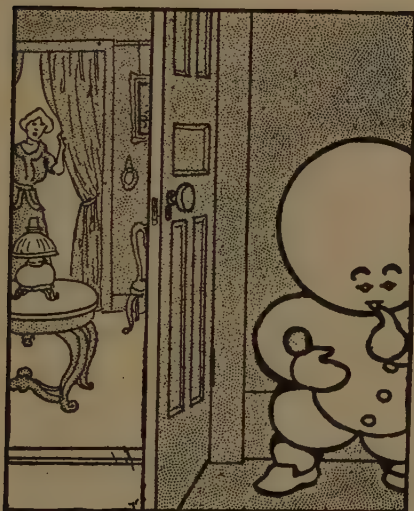
The Hiccoughs



EZRA POUNCE

When you have hiccoughs, drink a glass
Of water, and they soon will pass;
Don't let your hiccoughs loudly whoop
Like Ezra Pounce—he is a Goop!
Don't be afraid, or scream, or bawl;
Just drink some water—that is all!

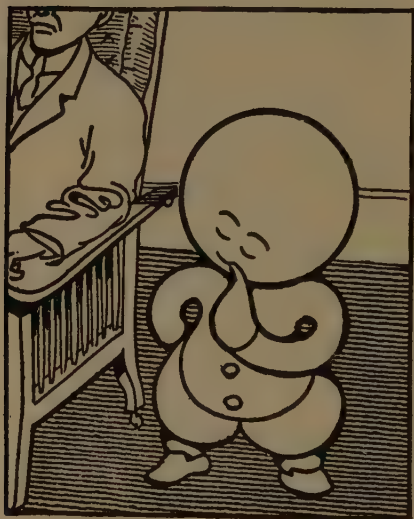
Hiding When Called



HUGO LANG

I heard your mother say, "My dear,
 I want you, Hugo Lang,—come here!"
 I saw you hide, and make believe
 You didn't hear. If you deceive
 Her so, it's just the same as lying;
 And you're a Goop, there's no denying!

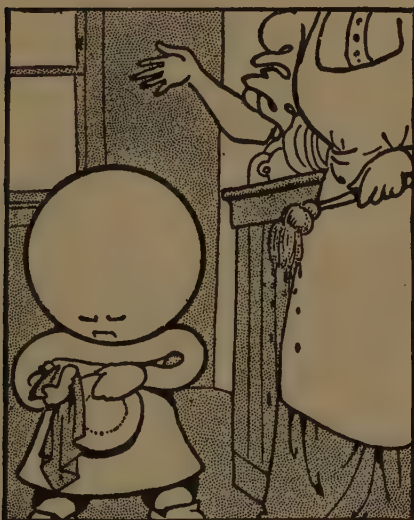
Hinting for Things



JAMES PEPPERMINTS

Most folks dislike Jim Peppermints,
Because he shyly, slyly *hints*!
He never speaks up like a man,
But *hints* for everything he can.
You'll ask for things if you are wise,
For Goops that hint get no replies!

Helping Mother



SOPHIE KELP

When mother asks you please to help
Don't whine and sulk, like Sophie Kelp.
Assist her cheerfully, and so,
She'll think you're not a Goop, you know
Sophie will sulk, and she will shirk
When she is asked to go to work!

Helping Others



ANN SAMANTHA MURGATROYD

Ann Samantha Murgatroyd,
She was awfully annoyed,
Just because her little sister
Asked her kindly to assist her.
Goops will never help their mothers,
Or their sisters, or their brothers!

Ingratitude



STELLA STERNER

When Stella Sterner gets a present,
Her rude remarks are most unpleasant.
"I don't like *this!*" "I wanted *those!*"
"*Yours* is the best!"—and so it goes.
How can she be so mean and hateful?
She is a Goop—Goops are ungrateful.

Impatience



WHILLIAM WHITE

Impatient little Whilliam White
Can never wait to do things right;
He hurries so he always makes
A mess of all he undertakes.
He is a Goop; don't hurry so!
Sometimes it's better to go slow!

“I’m Sorry!”



JO DAY

“I’m sorry!” Do you say it, when
 You’ve been a naughty child, again?
 “I’m sorry!” Is your mother glad
 To hear it, when you’ve been so bad?
 “I’m sorry!” This is what Jo Day,
 Who is a Goop, will *never* say.

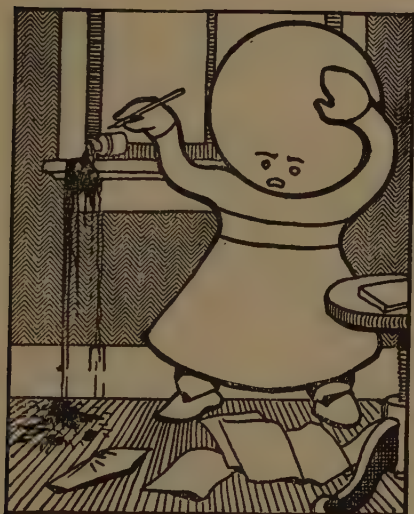
“In a Minute!”



DONALD DANNER

“Yes, in a minute!”—that’s the way
 That Donald Danner will obey!
 Instead, you know, of promptly saying
 “Yes, ma’am!” and *coming; that’s* obeying.
 It’s what Goops *do*, not what they *say*
 That makes them Goops! Do *you* delay?

Playing with Ink



LOUISE N. POTTLE

Some children love to play with ink—
But is it prudent, do you think?
I think that Lou Niagra Pottle
Is foolish when she takes a bottle
And puts it on the window sill.
She is a Goop; it's *sure* to spill!

Interruption

VANILLA CHESTER

When folks are talking serious matters,
Oh, how Vanilla Chester chatters!
She talks right in their conversations
Until they almost lose their patience!
She seems to think the rule absurd:
That "Children should be seen, not heard!"

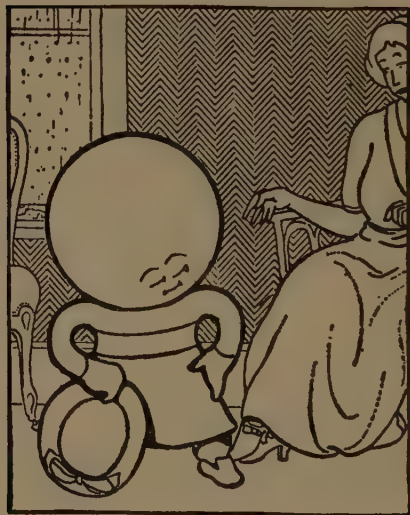
In the Way



HALMA HAY

I know a Goop named Halma Hay
Who's always, always, in the way;
She never, never seems to care
That people may not like her there;
But, on the floor, or in the hall,
She never, never, moves at all!

Inviting Yourself



DOLLY DALY

When Dolly Daly calls at noon,
 I know that she'll be hinting, soon;
 She'll hint until we have to say,
 "Oh, *won't* you stay to lunch, today?"
 She always tries to get invited;
 But Goops like that are often slighted!

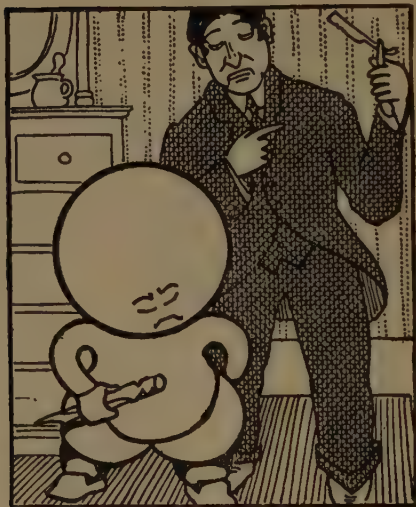
“I Can’t!”



HUGO BLY

“I can’t!” You don’t say that, do you,
When simple things you’re asked to do?
You say, *“I can!”* I hope,—and *try!*
And not, *“I can’t!”* like Hugo Bly.
He is a Goop—One never wins
Who gives things up ere he begins!

“*I Don’t Care!*”



BINGO FOSS

When you’re reprov’d, I cannot bear
 To hear you answer, “*I don’t care!*”
 If you are naughty, you should say,
 “I’m sorry I was bad, to-day!”
 Only a Goop like Bingo Foss
 Says, “I don’t care!”—he’s *always* cross!

"I Don't Want To!"



TAPIOCA PRATT

"I don't want to!"—Who said that?
Goop named Tapioca Pratt.

"I don't want to!" What a queer
Thing to say to Mother dear!
You, of course, politely say,
"All right, Mother!"—and obey.

"I Won't!"



PEARL G. PLATT

"I won't!" said Pearl Gerfalcon Platt.
Can you imagine Goops like that?
She said it to her mother, too!
Which was a naughty thing to do.
There is no uglier word than "Won't";
If you should want to say it,—*Don't!*

Jump-Rope Across Walk



RHODA SHAY

A jump-rope stretched across the way
Is so annoying! Rhoda Shay
Is always putting hers, alas,
Just where the people wish to pass!
That's why she is a Goop. I hope
You know just where to stretch your rope!

Kneeing-out Trousers

EDGAR BOWSER

Few clothes look worse than Edgar Bowser's;
He raggedizes all his trousers!
He raggedizes them with ease,
By getting down upon his knees.
That Goop—this Summer and this Fall
Has raggedized ten pairs, in all!

Attention to Ladies



RAJAH FEATHERBONE

I like to see the little chaps
Escorting ladies with their wraps,
And carrying their parcels when
They walk with them, like gentlemen.
But Goops like Rajah Featherbone
Let ladies do it all alone!

Bowing to Ladies



JOHN OSCAR E. O. ASTOR

When ladies bow to you, do you
 Take off your hat and greet them, too?
 Do you take off your hat and bow?
 You *ought* to do it, anyhow!
 Unless you are a Goop, like Master
 John Oscar Easter Oyster Astor!

Ladies First!



HENRY HURST

Remember, children, Ladies First!
Don't crowd ahead like Henry Hurst!
He wants the first, he wants the best,
The girls will have to take the rest.
He is a Goop or else he'd wait—
Or wait *on* them at any rate!

Late from School



FAIRY FOSS

Do you come straight back home from school?
Or wait, and let your luncheon cool?
Do you delay like Fairy Foss
Until your mother's tired and cross?
If you're a Goop you make her wait;
If you are *not*, you come home—*straight!*

Late to School



McGILLICUDDY COOL

This Goop,—McGillicuddy Cool,
Is almost always late to school.
His mother always has to worry
And tries in vain to make him hurry.
He'll linger, loiter, lag and wait
And *then* he'll run—but it's too late!

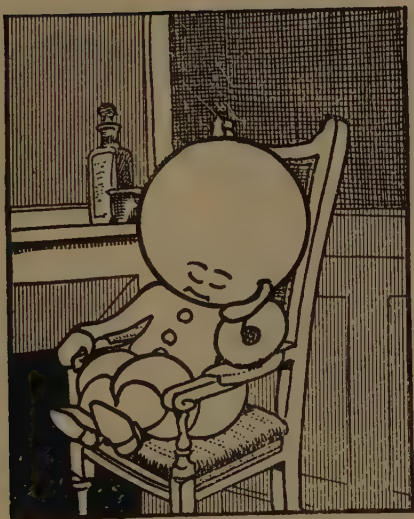
Laughing at Accidents



BOSCO SWEET

To laugh at people when they fall,
Is not polite or kind, at all.
You ought to help them to their feet
And dust them off—but Bosco Sweet
He is a Goop, and when *he* falls,
He simply cries and shrieks and *bawls!*

Laziness



MINER MOE

I hate a lazy child, and so
I hate a Goop like Miner Moe;
He is so laggard and so lazy
He almost drives his mother crazy.
He is a Goop and so are you
If *you* are slow and lazy, too!

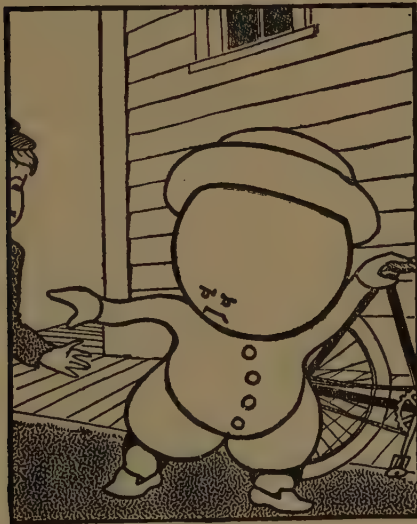
Taking Leave



MAUDE ANSTRUTHER

How many children leave your door,
And say "Good-By" and nothing more!
They may have quite enjoyed the call,
But do they say so? Not at all!
They also quite neglect your mother!
A Goop like this is Maude Anstruther.

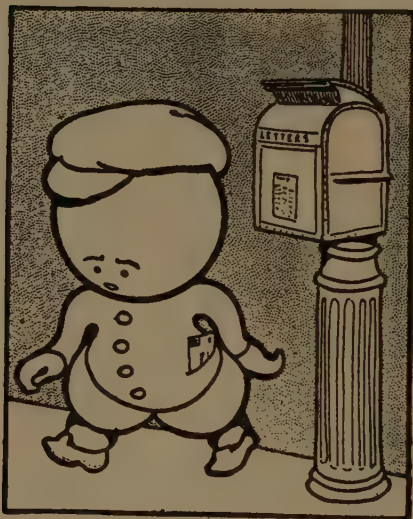
Lending Your Toys



MERCATOR MORSE

I do not care for girls and boys
Who will not ever lend their toys;
Mercator Morse, for instance, hates
To lend his tops or carts, or skates.
He is a Goop—a perfect icicle
When he is asked to lend his bicycle!

Forgetting Letters



MONTMORENCY OLIVET

When mother gives a letter to
A Goop to post, what does he do?
He *means* to post it, I don't doubt it,
Although he soon forgets about it.
Do *you* remember, or forget,
Like Montmorency Olivet?

Reading Others' Letters



JOSEPHINA JEWETT

To read a letter not your own
You'd think was awful, but I've known,
In spite of that, a Goop to do it;
Her name is Josephina Jewett.
No matter where a letter's found,
It should remain there, safe and sound!

Facing the Light



FLOYD OTIS

When you are reading books, at night,
 You never ought to face the light;
 The lamp should be *behind* you, so
 You will not spoil your eyes, you know.
 Floyd Otis has been taught the way,
 But he's a Goop—and *won't* obey!

Marking on Walls



HAL GOLIGHTLY

Just think of marking names and faces
Upon the walls in public places!
Yet Hal Golightly often scrawls
Upon the fences and the walls.
A Goop like that should have to clean
Off everything that can be seen!

Dallying at Meals



CELERY NICOLL

I think that Celery Nicoll feels
Herself, that she is slow at meals.
Is she a Goop? She answers, "No!"
Perhaps she isn't then,—although
Goops love to loiter and to talk,
Instead of using knife and fork.

Late to Meals



SCHUYLER SKINNER

Why should a boy like Schuyler Skinner
 Be always, always, late to dinner?
 No matter how his name is bawled,
 He never comes when he is called!
 He *could* be prompt; why doesn't he try?
 Because he is a Goop,—that's why!

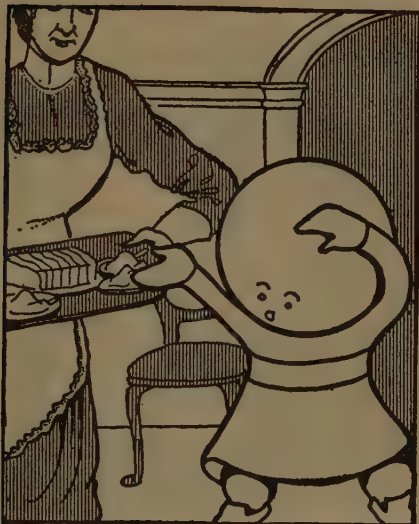
Refusing Medicine



LOTTO BOOZIT

Some children, when the time has come
 To take their medicine, are glum;
 But when they act like Lotto Boozit,
 And scream, and actually *refuse* it,
 I think they're Goops, I hope that you
 Drink down what mother asks you to!

“Me First!”



MABEL CEDARHURST

The worst about May Cedarhurst
Is that she wants to be the first;
At breakfast or at dinner table,
At picnics, parties—hark to Mabel!
“Me first!” she cries. “Please wait on *me!*”
She is a Goop; now, *isn’t* she?

Mimicking and Mocking



SAUL DOLAN

Saul Dolan, everywhere he goes,
He mimocks every one he knows.
Though mimocking is rude, always,
He mimics and he mocks their ways.
He doesn't know that making fun
Of people makes a Goop of one!

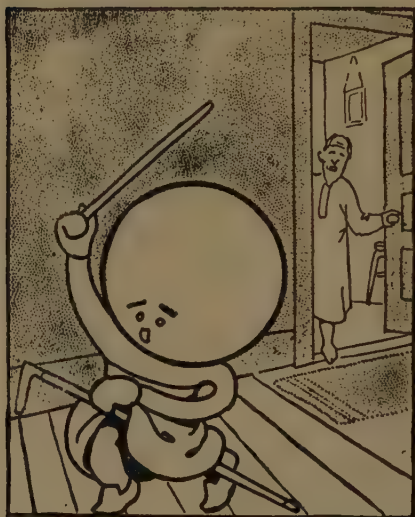
Asking for Money



BENJAMIN TRASK

I wonder if you ever ask
For pennies, like young Bennie Trask?
He calls it asking, but I'd say
That only beggars ask that way.
The uncles, aunts and friends of Bennie's
Call him a Goop to ask for pennies!

Racket in the Morning



GODIVA PRIEST

At six o'clock, when Mr. Priest
 Should sleep another hour, at least,
 Godiva wakes him with a noise
 As loud as twenty-seven boys!
 With whack and shout, with yell and whoop—
 Isn't that *awful*? She's a Goop!

Muddy Feet



MAX McCALL

Beside the doorway is a mat!
Please wipe your feet! on it—and that
Will keep the hallway clean and neat
Instead of muddy from your feet!
Don't be a Goop like Max McCall,
He never uses it, at all!

Mumbling



HUBERT H. HOOD

What did you say? I cannot hear!
Indeed, you mumble so, my dear!
You're just like Hubert Hooley Hood
Who never can be understood.
Speak up distinctly, for, you know,
It's only Goops who mumble so!

Disturbing Music



JACOB EPITAFF

I like to see a child who stays
 Unmoving, while one sings, or plays.
 But Goops like Jacob Epitaff
 Will fret and fidget, talk and laugh!
 I can't enjoy the music—neither
 Can I enjoy young Jacob, either!

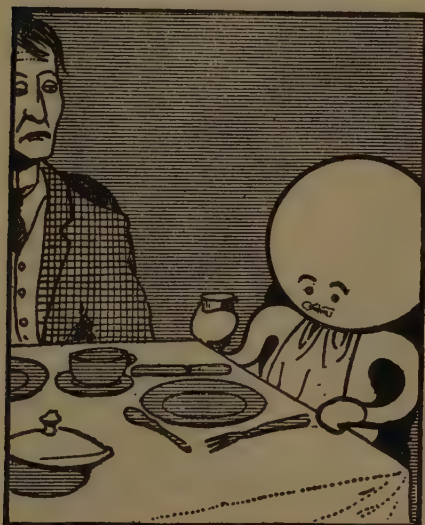
Folding Your Napkin



SUANEE CLARK

How often Suanee Clark is told
That she her napkin ought to fold!
But, when she's finished eating, she
Is as forgetful as can be.
Her napkin's found upon her chair
And shows a Goop has left it there!

Use Your Napkin!



EBEN SILK

It's just as well, when drinking milk,
To stop and think of Eben Silk
Who won't remember as he sips,
To use his napkin on his lips!
A dinner with white-lipped Goops present
Is always awfully unpleasant!

Nibbling Between Meals



ALBA CLAY

I wonder if, like Alba Clay,
 You nibble, nibble, *all* the day,
 Pie, pudding, doughnuts, cookies, cake,
 And everything the cook can make?
 Nibbling between meals is a habit
 Belonging to a Goop—or rabbit!

Noisiness



FRANK OBER

Of all uproarious little boys
Frank Ober makes the loudest noise.
He bangs the wall, he pounds the floor,
He bumps the stairs, and slams the door.
His yells and screams, his cries and whoops
Make him the noisiest of the Goops!

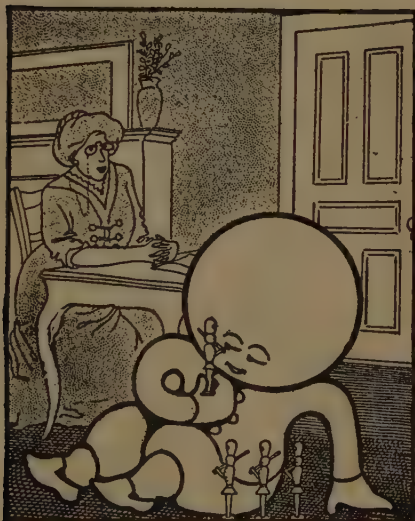
Wiping Nose on Sleeve



THOMAS IRISH

Tom Irish is so good and kind,
He seems so quiet and refined,
To see him, you would not believe
He'd wipe his nose upon his sleeve!
But so he does—which goes to show
That Tom is just a Goop, you know!

Obeying Slowly



GEORGE W. ODELL

George Washington Odell obeys,
But, oh, how laggard are his ways!
He minds his mother, it is true,
But after half an hour, or two!
A slow-obeying Goop, you'll find,
Is worse than one who doesn't mind!

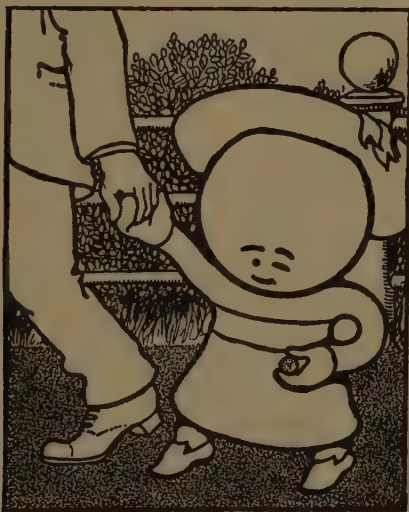
Ordering People



LAWRENCE STOUT

I wonder if, like Lawrence Stout,
You're always ordering folks about?
I wonder if you say, "*Come here!*"
Without an—"if you please, my dear!"
For if you are as rude as Lawrie,
You are a Goop—and I am sorry!

Paid to be Good



MAUD C. HILL

To see Maud Carolina Hill,
You'd think her very sweet—but still,
She never does a thing she should,
Unless you *pay* her to be good!
But if she's only good *that* way,
She really is a Goop, I say.

Annoying Passengers



NEDGAR TABER

If you must kneel upon the seat
Of trolley cars, *PLEASE* watch your feet!
Don't be a Goop like Nedgar Taber,
Who rubs them on his next-door neighbor.
He doesn't mean to, but his boots
Have soiled a dozen clean, new suits!

Peanut Shells



WALDO WELLS

There is no Goop like Waldo Wells
For scattering his peanut-shells.
He throws them right upon the floor.
When in the house or in the store,
Or in the cars or in the street
He crunches them beneath his feet!

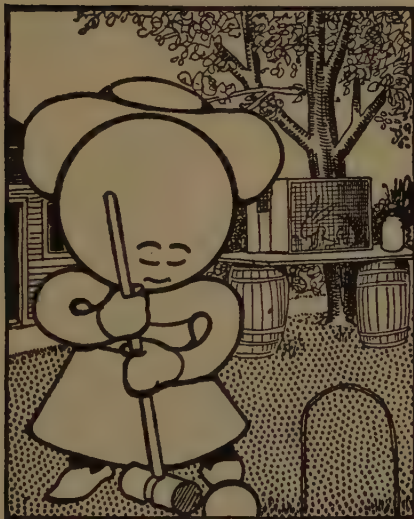
Sucking Your Pencil



FREDERICK L. PHIPPS

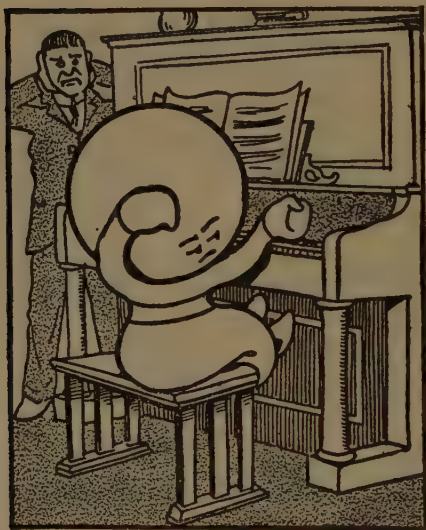
A Goop with ugly dirty lips
Is Frederick Lewando Phipps!
He sucks his pencil as he writes!
No wonder that his lips are sights!
Are yours like his, all black with lead?
If so, you are a Goop, like Fred.

Neglecting Pets



MONA METZ

Oh, Mona Metz, your kitten mews
Your puppy barks, yet you refuse!
Your rabbits have no food or drink
And your canaries pine and sink!
You are a Goop to treat them so;
You wouldn't like to starve, you know!

Piano Pounding

FLORA C. PARAPET

Too young for music lessons, yet,
Is Flora Cora Parapet;
But old enough to make a noise
That no one else but her enjoys;
For there are few worse Goops than these—
The ones that pound piano keys!

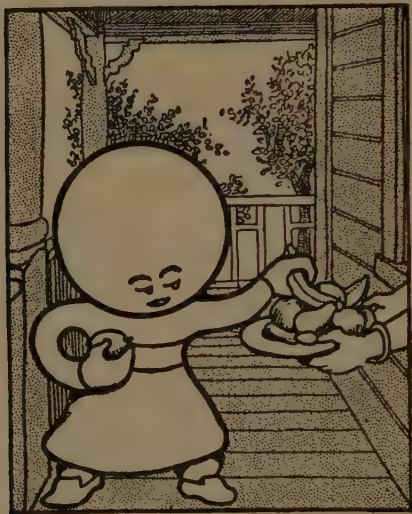
Piano Practising



DOLLY DIMPLE

Piano practising is simple
To such a Goop as Dolly Dimple;
She doesn't watch her notes at all,
But just the clock upon the wall!
No wonder that she plays so badly;
One ought to practise music *gladly!*

Picking Over the Dish



ELIZABETH VAN ALDERSHOTT

Elizabeth Van Aldershott
Thinks she's a lady, but she's *not!*
She is a Goop; she handles each
Banana, orange, pear or peach,
Before deciding which is best;
She doesn't care who eats the rest!

Leaving Playthings About



FRISKY FISKE

When Frisky Fiske has ceased to play,
Does she put all her things away?
Oh, no! But over them we stumble;
And so we scold and talk and grumble;
Nothing annoys a person more
Than toys and things left on the floor!

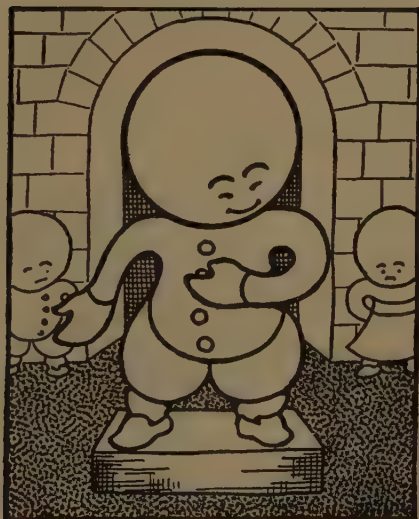
Pointing at People



LYSANDER COOK

Don't Point! For when you point, you look
Just like this Goop—Lysander Cook!
He points at people everywhere;
It's rude, but still he doesn't care.
Do *you* like to be pointed at?
Then do not point! Remember that!

Praising One's Self



BENJAMIN TADD

"I'm awful good!" says Benny Tadd,

"But all the other boys are bad!"

"Oh, they are naughty! I am nice!"

"I haven't got a fault or vice!"

Who are his friends? He hasn't any!

Don't be a priggish Goop, like Benny!

Pretending to be Good



CAMBODIA DEAN

Cambodia Dean! An artful child!
 For, though appearing meek and mild,
 The moment nobody can see,
 She is as naughty as can be!
 Her badness could be understood,
 If she did not *appear* so good!

Asking the Price



MONTENEGRO PLATT

"How much was this?" "How much was that?"

Asks little Montenegro Platt.

He always seems a little lost

Unless he knows how much things cost.

Such things as that aren't mentioned much,

Except by Goops. Beware of such!

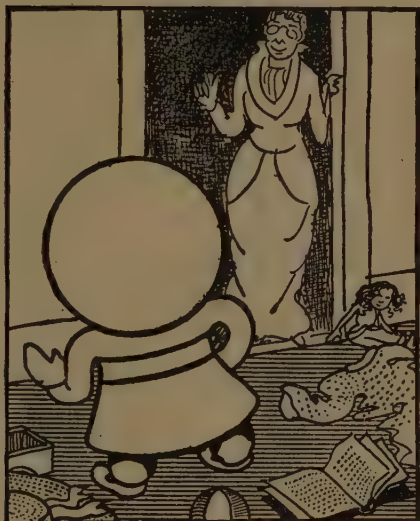
Keeping Your Promise



THOMAS THOMAS

I wonder if you've ever heard
Of Goops who do not keep their word?
Who hardly ever keep their promises?
That is a way of Tommy Thomas's.
You *think* that he is very nice
Until he's fooled you once or twice!

Putting Things Away



CAROLINE PRATT

When you have finished with your play,
Then do you put your things away?
Do you hang up your coat and hat?
Or leave them 'round, like Carrie Pratt?
If you *do* put your things away
You're not a Goop; *she* is, they say!

Personal Remarks



ONTARIO PARKS

When on the train, Ontario Parks
Is always making loud remarks
About your hat, about your clothes,
About your eyes and ears, and nose,
About your luggage and your hair!
A Goop like *that* is hard to bear!

Unkind Remarks



MOLLIE MACK

There is no Goop like Mollie Mack
For saying things behind your back;
For saying things she'd never dare
To say to you if you were there!
If you were there, you'd never know
She was a Goop who acted so!

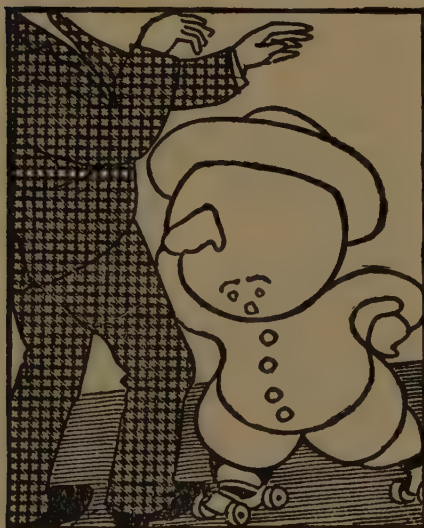
Stealing Rides



ERASTUS GRACE

Behind the carts, a dangerous place,
Stealriding goes Erastus Grace.
He is the Goop who hangs behind
On every wagon he can find;
And if you stealride then you may
Be hurt. Erastus was, one day!

Roller Skating



MAESTRO COHN

On roller skates, Maestro Cohn
Thinks all the sidewalk is his own!
He bumps into you every day,
But doesn't care;—he skates away!
He is a Goop whom all avoid
Who do not wish to be annoyed.

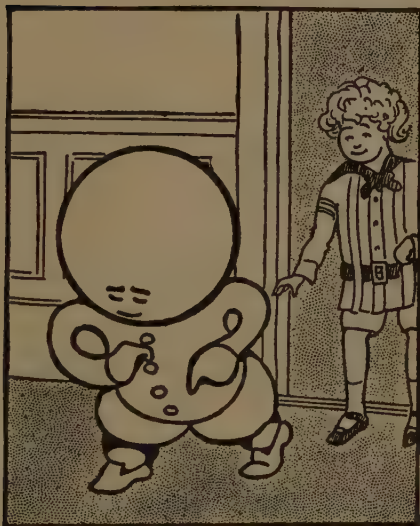
Rough and Rude



JAMES PERKINS

You'd better just keep out the way
 Of Jimmie Perkins when you play,
 No gentlemanly child enjoys
 Such rough and rude and rowdy boys.
 But when you leave him, see that *you*
 Are not a Goop like Jimmy, too!

Round Shoulders



COOPER COPPERTHWAITE

I wonder if you stand up straight
Or stoop, like Cooper Copperthwaite?
He is round-shouldered, I expect,
Because he *will* not stand erect.
He might stand straight as well as stoop
If he should try—But he's a Goop!

Rudeness to Girls

GUSTAVUS SKIMMIDGE

Gustavus Skimmidge loves to scare
The little girls and pull their hair.
He jumps at them and scowls at them,
And bumps at them and howls at them.
There isn't any Goop I know
Who is disliked,—detested so!

Rumpling Rugs



PATRICK VERE DE VERE

The rugs upon the parlor floor
 Are smooth and orderly no more;
 They're rumpled, wrinkled, pulled and twisted.
 What Goop, I wonder, has assisted?
 I think it was Pat Vere de Vere.
 I hope that's not *your* name, my dear!

Running Away



RAYMOND DOLE

Ray Dole is not content to play
Around the house—he runs away.
He runs away and no one knows
When, why, how far, or where he goes.
His mother tells him that he shouldn't,
And he's a Goop, or else he wouldn't!

Scolding



RHODA MONTADE

Miss Rhoda Montade, five years old,
Is very apt to scream and scold;
She scolds her little Sister Sue,
She scolds her brother Freddie, too!
She is a Goop, for every day
I hear her scolding at her play.

Scratching Your Head



JOHN SYLVESTER

No child who's perfectly well bred
 Of course will ever scratch his head;
 Though Goops like John Sylvester do,
 I do not think it's nice, do you?
 One thinks his head is not quite clean,
 Or else—well, you know what I mean!

Scuffing Feet



SOLOMON McKIM

I wonder if you ever meet
The Goop who always scuffs his feet?
He makes them drag along the floor
As if they weighed a ton or more.
Remember Solomon McKim,
And don't be slovenly like him!

Eating the Seeds



CHISPA MORE

An appetite like Chispa More's
Explains her eating apple cores,
Explains the grape-seeds that she swallows,
Explains the stomach-ache that follows;
Explains that she's a Goop who needs
To be forbidden swallowing seeds!

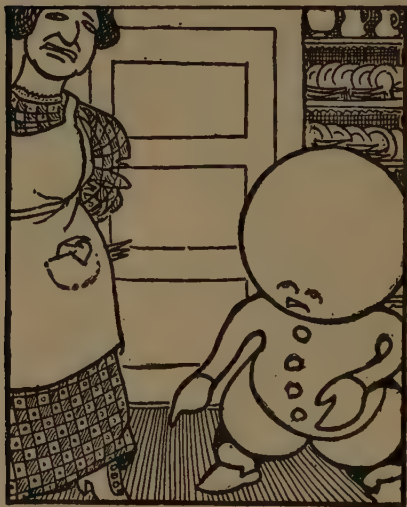
Selfishness in Public



JODAB HAY

"I want the front seat, at the play!"
And crowding in, goes Jodab Hay.
He gets the end seat in the car,
By pushing in where others are.
He wants the best and doesn't mind
(As he's a Goop), *who's* left behind!

Rudeness to Servants



HECTOR PANTOMIME

The child who always is polite
To cooks and servants does what's right;
For gentlemen and ladies treat
With kindness *every* one they meet;
But Goops like Hector Pantomime
Are rude to servants all the time.

Wearing out Shoes



SUSAN CLEWES

A careless Goop is Susie Clewes,
She's always wearing out her shoes;
She kicks at pebbles, sticks and stones,
At rocks and boxes, and at bones.
And Mr. Clewes, and Mrs. Clewes
Are so ashamed of Susie's shoes!

Stealing in Shops



SANDY MOPP

When you are waiting in a shop,
Don't handle things like Sandy Mopp;
He nibbles and he tastes and takes
Such things as crackers, nuts and cakes.
The Grocery Man, when Sandy's near,
Says, "You're a Goop! Don't come in here!"

Looking Over Shoulders



MAY OLDER

How thoughtlessly this Goop, May Older
Is looking over Aunty's shoulder!
When I am reading letters, she
Creeps to my side and wants to see,
When I am writing, she will stare
To see what I am writing, there!

Showing Off



MEFISTO MALAKOFF

This Goop, Mefisto Malakoff,
Is very fond of "showing off."
When people call, he's never tired
Of doing tricks to be admired.
But still, in spite of all his airs,
Nobody looks, Nobody cares!

Sidewalk Scattering



SAUL REVERE

Banana skins upon the walk,
And apple cores—they almost talk!
They really almost seem to say,
“A little Goop has passed this way!
“*We*’re not at fault for being here!
“For we were thrown by Saul Revere!”

Silliness and Giggling



DAFFY DILLY

I think that you are quite too big
To gigisil or silligig.
Now such a Goop as Daffy Dilly,
You know will giggle and be silly,
But *you*, although you laugh your fill,
Don't silligig, or gigisil.

Sit up Straight!



SIBYL HAIGHT

I wonder if you sit up straight,
Or crouch and slouch like Sibyl Haight?
To see her huddled, cuddled, there,
You'd think she'd melted in her chair!
Don't be a Goop, and slide and slump!
Do sit up straight—*not* in a lump!

Slamming the Door



ENRICO LANG

Who slammed the door? Enrico Lang!
What other child would let it bang?
Why, any other of the boys
Would close it gently, without noise,
So Baby, sleeping safe and sound
Would never know a Goop was round.

Using Slang



GEOFFREY HELM

It really gives me quite a pang
When Geoffrey Helm makes use of slang—
For “I should worry,” “Cut it out,”
And such remarks *are* used, no doubt
By Goops; but not by children who
Are really quite polite, like you.

Go to Sleep!



NELLY COPE

When you have gone to bed, I hope
You do not act like Nelly Cope;
She says she's hot, she says she's cold—
She cries to have a story told;
She wants a drink, she wants a light;—
She always is a Goop, at night!

Slovenliness



ELLA BENDER

A hole in Ella's stocking? Yes!
Two buttons gone from off her dress!
And Mrs. Bender feels so sad
When Ella's clothes are looking bad!
If Ella weren't a Goop, she'd run
Straight home and have that mending done!

Slow, Slow, Slow!



EZRA SNOW

You wouldn't care for Ezra Snow,
He is so very, very slow;
He's slow at work, and slow at play,
He's slow to answer and obey.
And Goops who always keep you waiting
Are certainly exasperating!

“Smarty Cat”



JAMES SMOOTY

Why do they call James Smooty “smarty”
When he is at a children’s party?
Because he tries to “boss” the fun,
And be the most important one.
But everybody knows that Jim
Is just a Goop—they laugh at him!

Snatching and Grabbing



FELINDA RABB

Look at Miss Felinda Rabb!
See her snatch, and see her grab!
See her grab, and see her snatch,
Everything that she can catch!
Everything she wants, she seizes;
She's the Goop that grabs and teases!

Sneezing and Coughing



ROGER ANABASIS

If you must ever cough or sneeze,
Be careful how you do it, please!
Don't be a Goop, but turn your head,
Or folks will think that you're ill-bred.
Don't act like Roger Anabasis,—
Who sneezes right in people's faces!

Sniffing and Snuffling



ANNIE F. R. RIFF

Annie Fanny Ruffle Riff;
Hear her snuffle! Hear her sniff!
Hear her snuffle! Hear her snuff!—
See her—well, I've said enough.
You have seen her, I suppose,
The Goop who seldom blows her nose?

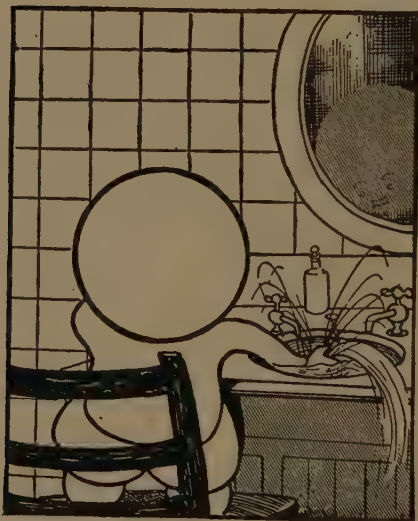
Spitting



HORACE FITZ

I know a Goop named Horace Fitz,
Who really, yes, he *really* spits!
He thinks it's smart—or else, he knows
No better manners, I suppose.
But *you* are not a Goop—you know
That spitting is considered low!

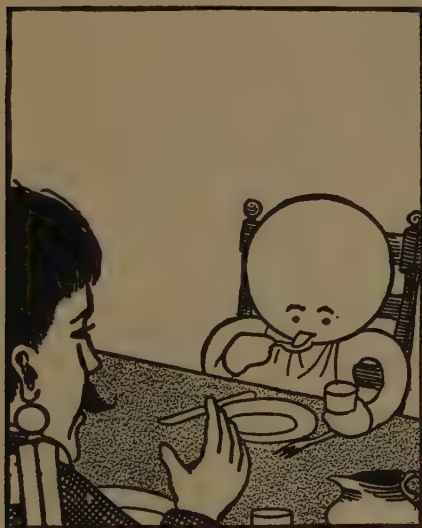
Splashing Water



JOHN A. DOLE

Who splashed the water in the bowl?
 A Goop named John Addenda Dole!
 The walls are wet—and look at that!
 A great big puddle on the mat!
 And John himself is sopping, too—
 I think he is a Goop, don't you?

Licking Your Spoon



CICELY McAROON

A Goop named Cicely McArtoon
Once, at the table, licked her spoon.
“Why do you do it?” said her father,
Who was discouraged with her, rather.
“Because I am a Goop,” said Cicely;
“I am too careless to eat nicely!”

Staring at People



SPRINGFIELD AYRES

It's not considered nice to stare
At people near you, anywhere;
Glance once or twice, then turn away—
That is a far politer way.
Don't be a Goop like Springfield Ayres,
He simply stares, and stares, and *stares!*

Staying too Long



HANNAH HUNTER

When Hannah Hunter calls, we say,
"How long will Hannah stay, to-day?"
We like to have her come, although
We're often glad to have her go;
For Goops who stay as long as she,
Grow tiresome, wheresoe'er they be!

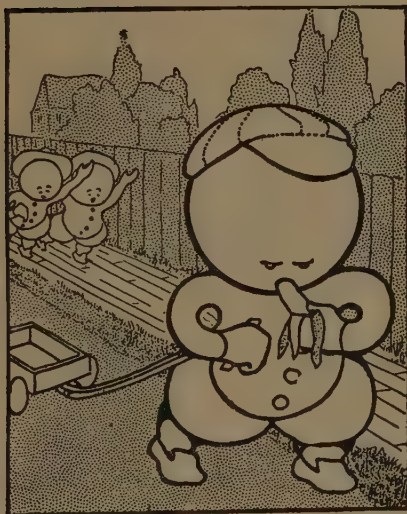
Stealing Sweets



FRANCIS FOX

Who eats the candy in the box
Without permission? Francis Fox!
Who eats the sugar and the cake,
And things that make his stomach ache?
Why, Francis Fox, of course! He beats
All other Goops at stealing sweets.

Stinginess



HARVARD F. BALL

When you have lovely things to eat,
Of course you always want to treat;
But Goops like Harvard Freshman Ball,
Will never share their sweets at all!
He hides from other girls and boys
And never shares his games or toys!

Throwing Stones



LEE COBB

For shame, Lee Cobb! It's such a pity
To throw those stones at birds so pretty!
If you should kill them, then your fun
Would be quite spoiled by what you've done!
And if you broke a window-pane,
They'd say you were a Goop again!

“Tell Another Story!”



KITTERY HOAR

I always groan when Kittery Hoar
Begs me to tell “*one* story more!”
I’ve told her six or seven, or eight,
And now the hour is getting late!
Ungrateful Goops I can’t abide;
Because they’re never satisfied.

Sulky Fits



GWENDOLYN DE V. DE WITT

Miss Gwendolyn De Vere De Witt
Is having *such* a sulky fit!
Because she couldn't have her way
With other children at their play.
A sulky Goop I really call
As bad as those who cry and bawl.

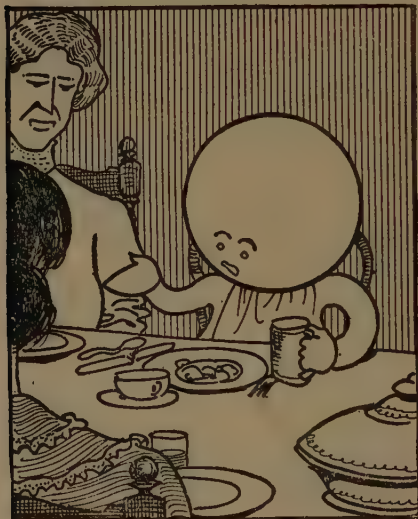
Sitting on Tables



BUNKER HILL

There was a Goop named Bunker Hill;
He sat upon the table till
There was a crack, and Bunker fell,
And broke a tableleaf, as well!
He was a Goop, I'm very sure—
For Goops *all* spoil the furniture.

Talking During Meals



SKINNER SPRATT

Don't talk while you are eating! That
Reminds me so of Skinner Spratt.
In fact, if you are really able,
I wouldn't talk at *all*, at table!
They'll say that you're a Goop, like Skinner,
Who is so talkative at dinner!

Taking Presents Back



CONGO RIVER

When you give anything away,
Don't ask to have it back, I pray!
That's what they call an "Indian Giver,"
And such a Goop is Congo River.
He gives a present to you—then,
He wants to have it back again!

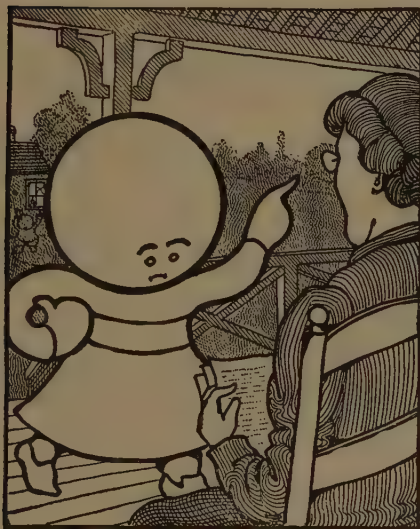
Taking Without Asking



SILVER FIZZ

The child who takes what isn't his
He is a Goop—that's what he is!
No matter though you *think* you know
They would be given you, don't go
And *take* things as does Silver Fizz
He's always "borrowing" things not his!

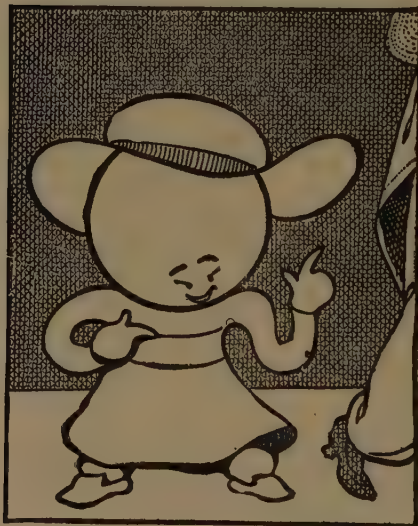
Telling Tales



TURTLE SNOW

I hate a tattle-tale, and so
I don't approve of Turtle Snow;
For she is always quick to run
And tell the faults of every one.
But, like some Goops that I have known,
She's not so quick to tell her *own*!

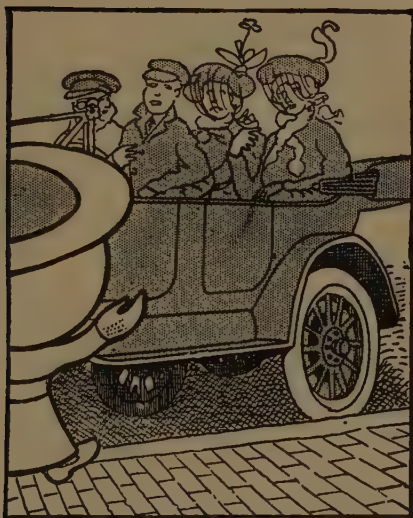
Talking of One's Self



LUCINDA GRIMES

One might forgive Lucinda Grimes
For talking of herself at times,
But when she does it all day long,
It certainly is rude and wrong.
Only a Goop would talk about
Only *herself*, day in, day out!

Tardiness



JULIA HARDY

You may be brave, you may be kind,
You may be honest—never mind—
No one will love you if you're *late*,
For *no* one ever likes to wait!
They'll call you Goop, like Julia Hardy,
Who always is a little tardy!

Teasing After “No!”



SOLO MELBA

When Solo Melba asks to go,
 Sometimes her mother answers, “No!”
 And if she can’t do as she pleases,
 Then Solo teases, teases, *teases!*
 Remember Solo, when you find
 Your mother will not change her mind.

Brush Your Teeth!



JOSEF AIR

Your teeth are white; so I should say
You brush them once or twice a day.
But here's a Goop, poor little fellow,
Whose teeth are all decayed and yellow.
Poor Josef Air! The dentist will
Soon have a dozen teeth to fill!

Losing Your Temper



ZONA PLAID

Are you a Goop, like Zona Plaid?
Who's almost always "getting mad"?
She shows her temper every way,
At home, at school, at work, at play!
And *someone else* is sure to be
At fault! Of course it isn't *she*!

Picking Teeth



JOSEPH GOTCHIM

To pick your teeth in public shows
You are a Goop, but I suppose
Joe Gotchim really doesn't know it,
Or, if he does, he doesn't show it.
For, when I dine with Mrs. Gotchim,
Joe picks his teeth. I hate to watch him!

Sucking Your Thumb



SYLVIA GOLD

I trust that you are now too old
 To suck your thumb, like Sylvia Gold.
 She often sucks her thumb, 'tis said,
 And *always*, when she goes to bed.
 She is a Goop, but she'll outgrow
 A habit so absurd, I know.

Toeing In



MADRIGAL SHINN

Isn't it funny that Madrigal Shinn
Walks like a pigeon. For she toes *in*!
Isn't it funny she doesn't know
That is the ugliest way to go?
She could toe *out*, if she wanted to,
But some Goops walk like that—do you?

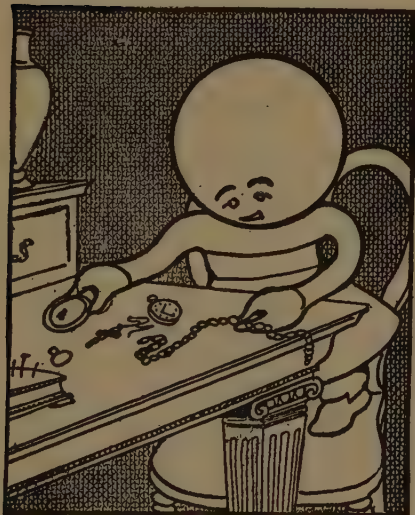
Sticking Out Tongue



SADIE WHITE

A little girl should be polite
And lady-like; but Sadie White
Is hardly lady-like—a lady
Would not stick out her tongue, like Sadie!
When Sadie shows her hate that way
She is a Goop—so *I* should say.

Don't Touch!



CORA KEYS

A curious Goop is Cora Keys,
She handles every thing she sees;
She pulls and pushes, pinches, pokes
Things that belong to other folks.
I hope *you* leave such things alone.
Don't handle what is not your own!

Laughing at Mistakes



CARLO DRAKE

Are you the kind of Goop, I wonder,
Who always laughs when others blunder?
This ugly fault is Carlo Drake's,
For though *he* often makes mistakes,
He always laughs when others do.
I think he is a Goop—don't you?

Mirror Vanity



ESTELLE GEHENNA

Estelle Gehenna is a lass
Who dearly loves her looking-glass.
She's vain because she thinks she's pretty,
And shows it!—which is such a pity!
She *is* good looking, I don't doubt it.
But she's a Goop to think about it.

Lagging Behind



MINNESOTO FALK

Oh, how I hate to go to walk
 With Goops like Minnesota Falk!
 He lags behind, he goes ahead,
 He will not walk with me—instead,
 He makes me worry so, about him
 Next time I'll go to walk without him!

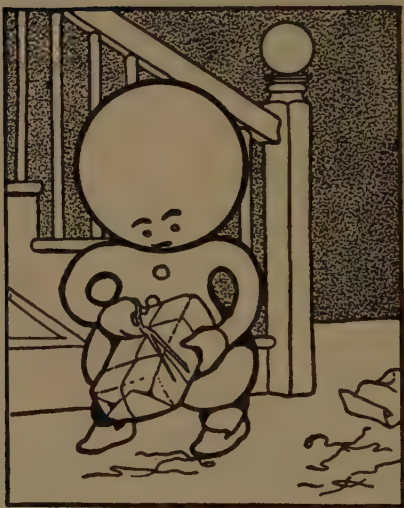
Defacing Walls



JOHN M. TROOP

John Martial Troop marks on the walls
Of bed-room, sitting-room, and halls;
And every visitor who calls,
Is shocked to see John Martial's scrawls.
They always say to Mrs. Troop,
"Your little son must be a Goop!"

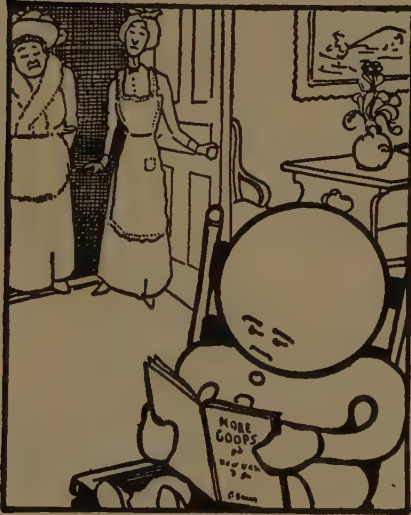
Wastefulness



PAUL LIBBY

Paul Libby wastes most everything,
Like sheets of paper, bits of string;
He cuts the knots and throws away
The twine he'll want to use, some day.
So, "Waste not, want not" is a rule
That Goops should all be taught at school!

Welcoming Callers



ABIJAH WISE

When grown-ups come, Abijah Wise
Just keeps his seat—he doesn't rise.
He doesn't rise to show respect
That elder people all expect.
In short, he is so impolite
They call him Goop, and they are right.

Getting Wet Feet



CORA LEE

Though Cora Lee was small and sweet,
She always, always had wet feet.
She liked to walk through puddles, so,
She always had a cold, you know.
But as you aren't a Goop, *you* try
To keep your tootsies warm and dry.

“Where is My Hat?”



PELEG TUPPER

“Where is my coat?” “Where is my hat?”

“Mother, where’s this?” “Mother, where’s that?”

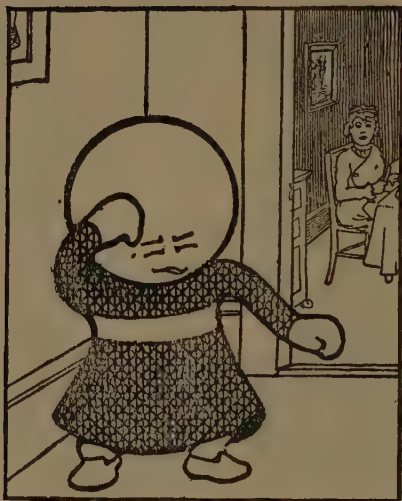
So Peleg Tupper cries all day.

He simply *won’t* put things away!

He is a Goop. He would know where

He left his things, if he took care!

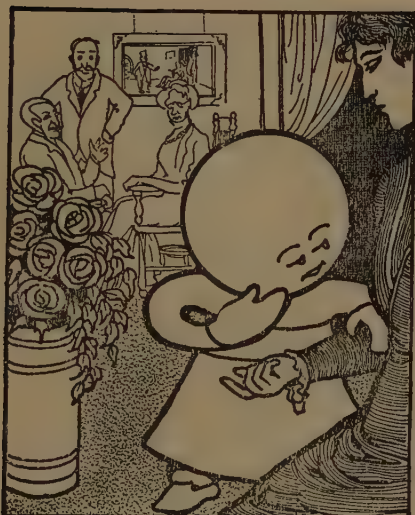
Whining



AMELIA KLINE

What is that noise? Amelia Kline
Is making such a curious whine—
It's like a hungry kitten's mew,
It's like a crying puppy, too.
But most (if it is not prevented),
It's like a Goop who's discontented!

Whispering



ANGEL KING

Don't whisper! It's *so* impolite!
And it's unnecessary, quite.
Don't be a Goop like Angel King
Who's almost always whispering.
For everybody thinks, no doubt,
It's *they* she's whispering about!

Whispering in School



HILDA H. H. HOOL

Hilda Huldah Holder Hool
Always whispers when in school;
Always talks to children near her,
When her teacher cannot hear her.
She's a Goop, and so are you,
If you like to whisper, too!

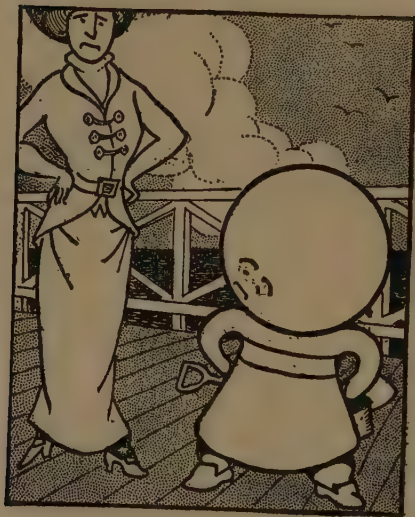
Whistling



JULIUS BONN

I hear him whistling all the time,
At work, at play, and sometimes I'm
So much annoyed I have to say
"Oh, *please* don't whistle so, to-day—
My head aches so!" But Julius Bonn
Who is a Goop, just whistles on!

“*Why? Why? Why?*”



SCARLATINA SNOW

“Why must I stay?” “Why must I go?”

“Why? *Why?*” says Scarlatina Snow.

Her mother speaks; she will reply

Each time by simply asking “Why?”

She is a Goop, or she’d obey

Without a question; *that’s* the way!

Leaning out the Window



TYCHO LEE

What's more distressing than to be
With such a Goop as Tycho Lee!
He leans across the window sill
And frightens me till I am ill.
He hasn't fallen *yet*, but still,
I am afraid some day he *will*!

Throwing out the Window



J. RINALDO RINDO

Don't be like John Rinaldo Rindo,
The Goop who throws things out the window;
All sorts of things, like papers, string,
Dirt, shavings, water—everything!
The neighbors point at him, and say:
"He is a Goop to act that way!"

Breaking Window Panes



LAMPTON LANE

There's nothing pleases Lampton Lane
Like shattering a window pane;
A vacant house he cannot pass—
He throws a stone and breaks the glass!
You're not a Goop, as he is, so
You'd never be so bad, I know!

Smooching Window Panes



PICCADILLY CASS

Just look upon that window pane!
Some Goop has been there, that is plain.
Some Goop has rubbed his little nose
Or fingers on it, I suppose.
It must be Piccadilly Cass—
He always smooches up the glass,

Wiping Hands on Clothes



ELSA R. VAN NESS

Miss Elsa Ravendale Van Ness
She wipes her hands upon her dress!
And long upon that dress there lingers
The marks of Elsa's dirty fingers.
She is a Goop, her mother tells her;
But will she wash her hands? Not Elsa!

Bad Words



ORLANDO PRICE

If you should hear Orlando Price
 Say words you know are never nice,
 Do not repeat them—better yet,
 Don't notice them, but just forget!
 For he's a Goop, and doesn't know
 Such talking is considered low.

“Yep” and “Nope”



EZRA HEPPIST

You are not one of those, I hope,
Who answers only “Yep” or “Nope!”
But “Yes, sir”—“No, ma’am!” you reply.
To speak correctly you must try!
Don’t be a Goop like Ezra Heppist,
He is a Nopist and a Yeppist!

Yawning



BETSEY GRAND

Don't yawn if you can help it—still,
If you *must* yawn, please wait until
Your mouth is hidden by your hand,
Not open wide, like Betsey Grand!
She is a Goop or she would know
Nobody likes to see her so.

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